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## World news

## Business summary

### Hardliners \$ issues win seat in SA by-election

South Africa's hardline right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party defeated the ruling National Party in one of five by-elections held yesterday, election officials said.

The ultra-right party topped President P. W. Botha's NP in the Sasolburg constituency with a majority of 387 votes to win its first parliamentary seat.

The National Party retained its Port Natal constituency by 2,205 votes, the officials said.

### N-arms initiative

President Ronald Reagan revealed that the U.S. was studying a counter-proposal on nuclear arms reductions which he hoped could be put to the Soviet Union before his summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva on November 18, Page 15

### Hijack ruling

Italy's Supreme Court ruled that magistrates in Genoa will handle the investigations of the Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacking, ending a conflict with Sicilian magistrates who had also laid claim to the investigation.

### Italian crisis ending

Italian Prime Minister designate Bettino Craxi is expected today to tell President Francesco Cossiga that his coalition partners have patched up their differences, Page 3

### Gandhi memorial

Security was tightened in New Delhi, the Indian capital, as workmen erected a huge portrait of Indira Gandhi for a memorial rally on the first anniversary of her assassination. Feature, Page 14

### Technology deal

Greece and the U.S. concluded an agreement regarding access to Greek military technology to third countries, which Washington had made a condition of the sale of 40 F-16 fighters to Athens.

### Rebels surrender

Forty-five communist rebels led by a young woman surrendered to Philippine military authorities and joined about 3,000 other suspected sympathisers in a pledge of loyalty to President Ferdinand Marcos.

### Soviets freed

Three Soviet officials kidnapped in west Beirut a month ago were freed and taken to the Soviet embassy.

### New wine scandal

A new scandal hit the Austrian wine industry when it was disclosed that three toxic chemicals had been found in tests on wine during the past three weeks, Page 3

### Challenger mission

The U.S. space shuttle Challenger, manned by a record crew of eight and carrying \$175m of experiments, was launched from Cape Canaveral on a week-long mission chartered by the West German Government.

### Security man jailed

An Australian security expert who installed a sophisticated alarm system in a department store in Sydney and used it to steal \$544,000 (\$240,000) from the safe was jailed for five years.

### Policeman killed

Bank robbers shot dead a policeman in Luxembourg before taking two hostages and escaping in a car.

### EEC proposes ban

The EEC proposed a total ban on the use of hormones for fattening cattle, Page 30

### Leningrad barrier

Leningrad is to speed up construction of a barrier to prevent a repeat of last week's flooding, the city's 265th flood in its 262-year history.

### INTERNATIONAL

bond markets were treated to a deluge of new dollar issues totalling \$2.025bn as Wall Street rebounded on expectations of lower interest rates, Page 17

**WALL STREET:** A strong blue chip rally fuelled by a firmer bond market pushed the Dow Jones industrial average up 6.84 to close at a record 1,375.57, Page 38

**TOKYO:** Despite early active trading the Nikkei market average closed 5.28 lower at 12,808.86, Page 38

**LONDON:** Strong demand continued to push equities higher and the FT Ordinary share index closed 6p up at a record 1,061.3. The FT-SE 100 index closed 9.4 up at 1,373.8, Page 38

**DOLLAR:** ended in New York at DM 2.8333, SwFr 2.157, FFr 6.02 and ¥124.40. It showed mixed changes in London, rising to DM 2.8225 (FFr 6.0025) and ¥124.45 (¥121.3), it was unchanged at SwFr 2.148. On Bank of England figures the dollar's index fell to 128.7 from 130.0, Page 31

**STERLING:** ended in New York at \$1.454. It was firm in London, gaining 80 points against the dollar to \$1.441. It was also higher at DM 3.78 (DM 3.7625), SwFr 3.0075 (SwFr 3.0085), FFr 11.52 (FFr 11.495) and ¥304.75 (¥304.5). The pound's exchange rate index rose 0.2 to 81.0, Page 31

**GOLD:** In New York the Comex December settlement was \$327.80. Gold rose \$0.25 on the London bullion market to \$328.25 but fell slightly in Zurich to \$328.35, Page 30

**BRITAIN:** is to subsidise a \$100m (\$142m) trade loan to China to secure large capital projects. Terms will match soft loan competition from other European governments and Japan, Page 9

**SWISS BANK:** Corporation's international offering of 700,000 shares has been heavily oversubscribed. The shares were priced at SwFr 510, the closing price in Zurich last night, giving a total for the offering of SwFr 357m (\$167m).

**TRADING:** in shares of three companies associated with Erik Penser, Swedish financier, was suspended in Stockholm pending announcement of a takeover aimed at reducing the debt burden of Yggdrasil, his central holding company, Page 17

**PAN AM:** U.S. airline, reported sharply improved third-quarter net profits of \$211m, or 18 cents a share compared with \$3.6m, or 3 cents a share, in the year-ago period.

**SOUTH AFRICAN:** leading retail group, OK Bazaars and Amrel both attributed sharp first-half profit setbacks to the Government's austerity measures and black unrest, Page 18

**DU PONT:** U.S. chemicals and energy group, is withdrawing from a Texas-based synthetic gas partnership venture and closing an associated methanol production plant, resulting in a \$60m after-tax charge, Page 17

**WILHELMSEN:** Norway's largest shipping group, has announced a planned share issue which will alter its ownership structure and provide it with an estimated Nkr 250m to Nkr 300m (\$31.5m to \$38m) of fresh capital, Page 17

**AXEL SPRINGER:** West German publisher who died in September, left instructions in his will to prevent the division of his assets between his heirs before the year 2015, Page 17

**AMERICAN CAN:** third-quarter net earnings fell by \$8.3m to \$27.5m after a \$28.8m charge reflecting the write down on its investment in TFC, which faces big losses from the collapse of Equity Programs Investment Corporation (Epic), Page 17

**CARLO DE BENEDETTI:** Italian financier and chairman of Olivetti, has paid L25bn (\$14.2m) for 6 per cent of Banca Agricola Milanese, a private institution facing a hostile takeover bid from Banca Popolare di Milano, Page 17

## Tin trading faces two-week halt as ITC adjourns talks

BY STEFAN WAGSTYL AND NICK BUNKER IN LONDON

THE INTERNATIONAL Tin Council meeting in London yesterday admitted defeat in its efforts to find an immediate solution to the crisis in the world tin market.

Members of the producers' and consumers' price pact suspended their emergency meeting in London and adjourned for two weeks until November 12, although they left open the possibility of reconvening earlier should circumstances require. ITC buffer stock operations on the tin market will remain suspended during the adjournment, while London Metal Exchange trading in tin will remain suspended at least until the end of Friday.

It was the ITC's announcement last Thursday that it had run out of money to keep the tin price above free market levels that started the crisis.

However, the council made no decision about honouring its obligations to its banks or to tin trade brokers, which run into hundreds of millions of pounds. The ITC said it had asked Mr Peter Lai, its executive chairman, to maintain close contacts with representatives of banks and brokers. But ITC officials were not prepared to explain in detail what this would involve.

The ITC's announcement is expected to have an immediate impact on the ability of some LME traders to continue trading and on their bankers' willingness to support them. Mr Mike Brown, LME chief executive, said: "I am very disappointed. One banker said: 'Time is not on our side.'"

Member governments were last night beginning to assess the effects of the two-week suspension. In the UK, ministers at the Foreign Office, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry, were briefed.

Some ITC delegates had been pessimistic about the outcome of the emergency meeting since it started on Tuesday. But it only became clear yesterday how far the council was from a solution after delegates complained their governments would not.

It had been clear from the beginning that consumer countries - including the UK, other EEC nations and Japan, but not the U.S., which dropped out in 1982 - would be very reluctant to inject any more cash into the ITC's coffers. They said they were ready to see the tin price drop.

Delegates heard a warning that the future of the LME was at stake unless they reached agreement in a dramatic intervention, Mr Jacques Lion, chairman of the LME board, addressed the council, appealing for outstanding obligations to be honoured for the sake of the "survival of the LME," to give confidence to bankers and to ensure some semblance of reality for the tin mining industry.

Hopes that a deal might be nevertheless patched together were killed off when the Malaysians, the world's largest producers, made clear that they, too, were unwilling to put in new money. This put paid to attempts by Indonesia, the second largest tin producer, to find ways of refinancing the ITC, despite the efforts of Sirman Widiatmodjo, the head of the Indonesian delegation and an elder statesman of the council.

The UK found itself in a very awkward position. As a member of the EEC, which speaks as one voice in ITC meetings, its room for manoeuvre was limited. But its interests as a consumer nation favouring a lower tin price had to be balanced against the possible effects of a collapse in the market on the LME and, therefore, on London as a world financial centre. Ministers will now be seeking legal opinion to

reverse its role as one of the world's strongest supporters of commodity agreements.

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## U.S. Steel commits its future to energy

BY TERRY DODSWORTH IN NEW YORK

U.S. STEEL, the largest U.S. steel producer, announced yesterday that it was planning to merge with Texas Oil and Gas, a \$3.5bn deal that will plunge it further into the energy field and reduce steelmaking to a junior role in the company's business.

The agreement caused instant controversy on Wall Street, where the share prices of both companies fell in hectic early trading. Some analysts said it might prove difficult for the management of the companies to sell the merger proposal to investors, since it is structured as an all-share deal in which shareholders in Texas Oil and Gas, a Dallas-based group, will receive paper from U.S. Steel.

If the agreement goes through as planned at the beginning of next year it could bring the steel company's dependence on the energy sector up to about 90 per cent of earnings, on the basis of the steel division's recent performance.

U.S. Steel already has substantial interests in the oil industry through its Marathon oil subsidiary, which was acquired in 1982 for \$5.5bn, and Husky Oil, purchased for \$498m last year. Texas Oil and Gas would complement Marathon by bringing into the group one of the largest gas-gathering networks in the U.S. and one of the most effective oil and gas exploration companies in the country.

In Pittsburgh Mr David Roderick, chairman of U.S. Steel, acknowl-

edged that the merger would give the company further protection against the possibility that steel profitability would not rebound "in the short term". Only this week the group reported a sharp fall in third quarter earnings to \$100m, or 82 cents a share, from \$138m, or \$1.35 a share last year.

But Mr Roderick insisted that U.S. Steel's dominant force in the U.S. industry since the beginning of this century, would maintain its commitment to the steel business. The company intended to maintain its position as the leading domestic producer, he added, warning that this would mean wage reductions for workers in some plants where the company was competing against lower cost producers in the U.S. as well as overseas.

Wall Street's hesitation about the deal is centered on fears of a significant dilution in U.S. Steel's per share earnings because of recent slide in profitability at Texas Oil due to the slump in gas prices. Net income at the energy group fell by 20 per cent in the year to August to \$221m on sales of \$2.1bn.

## UK's SDI pact lacks guarantee

By Bridget Bloom in Brussels

BRITAIN is close to concluding an agreement with the U.S. on the participation of UK companies in the controversial Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) research programme. It falls short, however, of providing the guaranteed \$1.5bn share which Britain originally said it wanted.

The agreement, reached in outline yesterday between Mr Michael Heseltine, the UK Defence Secretary, and Mr Casper Weinberger, the U.S. Secretary of Defence, will detail terms and conditions for participation by British companies and research institutions in the controversial Star Wars programme.

The agreement is likely to provide for British companies to compete for contracts in certain areas of the programme on an equal basis with U.S. companies. It will also detail the arrangements which will govern the transfer of, and rights to, ownership of sensitive SDI technologies. No research work will be specifically set aside for Britain, as London had hoped.

The outline agreement, in the form of a draft memorandum of understanding will now be submitted to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister. It is not yet clear whether the agreement,

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Reagan plans arms proposal, Page 15

## Britain 'will step up sale of state assets'

By Philip Stephens in London

MR NIGEL LAWSON, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday signalled an increase in the Conservative Government's sales of state assets to the private sector. He hinted that the Government would sell the rest of its holding in British Telecom (BT) if it won the next general election.

In an address to a conference in London, Mr Lawson said that the privatisation programme was only now getting into top gear and would continue for many years to come. "We have sold 51 per cent of British Telecom but there is still 49 per cent to go," he said.

When it floated 51 per cent of BT last year, the Government agreed that it would not dispose of its remaining holding before April 1988. The latest date for a general election is June 1988.

Treasury officials stressed that the obligation would be honoured, but said that Mr Lawson's remarks were intended to signal that the Government did not intend to retain its shareholding indefinitely.

Mr Lawson, who also used his speech to rebuff calls from industrialists for a sharp cut in interest rates, was optimistic about the possibilities for further asset sales.

"Telecom has paved the way for gas. Gas will pave the way for water, and so on. Each time the frontiers are pushed back, further possibilities emerge," he said.

The Treasury is preparing its privatisation programme for the 1988-89 financial year. The view in Whitehall is that the proceeds are likely to total closer to £4bn (\$5.8bn) than the £2.4bn originally planned. A first tranche of British Gas, British Airways and further payment due from the initial BT sale could also account for almost £4bn.

The extra revenue from asset sales will be needed to offset expected overruns in public spending and a steep fall in oil revenues resulting from the drop in the dollar's exchange rate and lower oil prices.

Mr Lawson made it clear that the call from the Confederation of British Industry earlier this week for lower interest rates and a fall in the value of the pound had not changed his present tough anti-inflationary approach.

In a typically blunt rejection of the industrialists' view, Mr Lawson said that companies giving what he said were excessively high pay awards could not expect the Government to come to their rescue by relaxing its anti-inflation strategy.

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## Ten ease steel quotas, tighten subsidy rules

BY PAUL CHEESERIGHT IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Community industry ministers defied expectations of continued discord over the steel industry yesterday, when they settled a pattern of market controls to last for two years and constructed a new subsidies code to last for three years.

The two steps represent the first moves away from the heavy system of state support - the Davignon Plan - which over the last three years, in particular, has been used to hasten industry restructuring and provide a shelter while the changes took place.

The first breaches in market controls have appeared with the decision to take concrete reinforcing bars and coated sheet out of the production quota system from January 1 1988. They account for about 15 per cent of the steel products under control, which themselves amount to about 85 per cent of total production.

New regulations for the grant of subsidies, which again come into effect on January 1, represent a significant tightening. The days when governments could pour money into their steel industries are coming to a gradual end.

Arguments in the Community have centred on the way to end the steel cartel. The Commission has been setting output quotas for each company and authorising subsidies linked to reductions in steel capacity. Under this system prices have stabilised and about 30m tonnes of capacity have been closed.

The questions the ministers had to answer were:

- What products if any should be taken out of the production quota system and returned to the free market?
- How should the quota system be organised after the end of this year?
- Should subsidies to encourage further plant closures be permitted, given that all operating and investment subsidies are in any case outlawed after the end of this year?

By settling the first two points the ministers made a "timely and early decision" which "avoids any distortion of the steel market," said Mr Karl-Heinz Narjes, the Commissioner for Industry. Companies have become worried about how much they can produce in the next quarters.

On the third point - more restricted use of subsidies - Mr Peter Sutherland, the Commissioner for competition, said it was "intended to ensure that aid cannot interfere with market balance or continuing competition."

The two sets of issues were linked in the negotiations, not least by the UK. Mr Peter Morrison, the UK Industry Minister, made it clear

The Reagan Administration underlined its tough stance on bilateral steel talks with the EEC by warning that the U.S. would retaliate if today's deadline for agreement was not met, Page 3

he would not accept anything new on subsidies without changes in the way the quotas were organised. His intention was to have a higher quota for British Steel Corporation (BSC) written into the regulations in some way. He was a major player in no quotas.

Mr Martin Bangemann, the West German Minister, took the stand that there could be no more subsidies at all - he had publicly promised last March there would be none after the end of this year and that he had to honour. He was a major player on subsidies.

So the final agreements reflect movements towards both the UK and Germany.

On quotas, the ministers opted to keep the basis of the existing system but to make it more flexible.

The flexibility comes this way. A company will be able to arrange a change in its quota for a particular product, provided there is not an increase in the amount of quota for that product of more than 25 per cent. It is also required that the tonnage being transferred from one product quota to another does not exceed 10 per cent of the company's total quota.

Then there is a 3 per cent reserve in the total steel quota for all companies administered by the Commission. This will be used to help companies in difficulties because they do not have enough quota to buy from another. That is directed specifically at BSC.

On the other hand, if a company's relative position in the market deteriorates over two successive quarters, the Commission will be able to use the 3 per cent to help it. A nod in the direction of France.

The UK had felt that a change in the reference period would be the best way of helping BSC, which has had to buy over 100,000 tonnes of extra quota a year. Mr Morrison said there, but felt he won the substance of what he wanted through the new flexibility.

Mr Bangemann, on the other hand, who the substance of what he wanted because, under the new subsidies system, aid will be permitted to help plant closures only in two ways.

First, there can be subsidies of up to 50 per cent of redundancy costs. Second, aid to encourage plant closures will only be paid to companies who leave the sector altogether.

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## OVERSEAS NEWS

## Three killed by security forces in South Africa

BY JIM JONES IN JOHANNESBURG

A LARGE crowd of black youths rampaged through Durban's beach area yesterday, setting fire to one police vehicle and stoning several cars.

The Durban disturbances appear to have been triggered more by high spirits than by political protest but they followed a number of incidents of violence elsewhere which were prompted by black political protests.

Police report that several attacks were made on police and private vehicles and official buildings in townships near Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Uptington and Grahamstown. At least three people were shot dead by police and local government officials during the attacks.

In his new year's address to the nation, President Pieter Botha took a tough line against the nationwide black insurrection, apparently aimed at reassuring right wing supporters who have grown increasingly critical of the Government's tentative attempts at reform.

He told television and radio audiences he believed his Government's responsibility lay in maintaining "Christian values and civilised norms," which included language and cultural rights, protection of private property, the right to an independent judiciary and

## Spaniards swallow reality of EEC

By David White in Madrid

TWELVE WAS the magic number as Spain celebrated its New Year and simultaneously crossed the border into the European Community: 12 for the 12 grapes which millions of Spaniards, following tradition, have to swallow for each midnight stroke of the clock, 12 for the 12 members of the enlarged EEC, and 12 for the 12 per cent of basic-rate value added tax, the first, and so far only, visible change as a result of membership.

"If it were not for VAT," the Catholic daily newspaper *La Voz* said in a headline on Tuesday, "nobody would realise that the doors of Europe were opening tomorrow."

Bus fares, train fares, bread and milk prices are among the New Year increases that Spain has welcomed in the new world of Europe. The authorities express confidence that other prices will come down — but are privately very concerned about the risk that Spain's EEC debut could be characterised by a spurt in inflation, and not much else.

Yesterday, because of the holiday, there were no newspapers to commemorate Spain's final achievement of membership, its desire of more than 20 years. Today, when they come out again, readers will find that cover prices have gone up by 20 per cent.

The Government spared assiduous readers of its official gazette another kind of shock by holding back the distribution of a special edition containing 687 pages of "document relating to the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Community." Here, from quotes on cotton shorts to protection of the banana goose, is everything the EEC is really about.

Many Spaniards, as Mr Francisco Fernandez Ordaz, the Foreign Minister, warned in an article this week, have been under the impression that they would be going to bed one day as members of the Third World and getting up the next as Europeans.

They were not, he said, going from zero to infinity in an "historic moment." In terms of its links with the EEC, Spain was not starting at zero, and Europe in its present state was not its present state in 1982.

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## Mitterrand pledges to retain office even if Left defeated

BY DAVID HOUSEGO IN PARIS

PRESIDENT Francois Mitterrand told the French people yesterday that he would remain in office even if the Left was defeated in the parliamentary elections in March.

In a televised New Year message unusually political in tone, the President championed his administration's record declaring that inflation was at an 18-year low and that unemployment had ceased to climb for the first time in 16 years.

He also implicitly challenged a future right-wing government to reverse the social reforms brought in by the Socialists including the introduction of a fifth week's paid holiday and the possibility of early retirement at 60.

The markedly political tone of the message is a further sign of the President's intention to take an active part in the campaign which will move into high gear once the New Year holidays are out of the way.

Socialist and Opposition

## East German guards may stop shooting at escapees

BY LESLIE COLTIT IN BERLIN

THE WEST GERMAN Government sees a "possibility" this year that East Germany may withdraw its standing order to border guards to shoot at escapees. The order to wound but not kill escaping citizens was suspended during the summit meeting last November between the Soviet and American leaders in Geneva according to diplomats in East Berlin.

The Ministry of Inner German Relations in Bonn said if the shooting of escapees was eliminated, the West German would close its legal office which registers East German border shootings as crimes. East Berlin has repeatedly demanded its closure in the past.

## Reginald Dale, US Editor in Washington, reviews the Commerce Department's weighty annual survey of US industry

## Service sector set to lead healthy industrial growth in 1986

THE US industrial outlook for 1986, published by the Commerce Department yesterday, presents a healthy picture of broad-based growth, again led by the service sector. Introducing the comprehensive annual survey, Mr Clarence Brown, deputy commerce secretary, said that the coming year should be a good one, "by and large better than 1985."

The weighty 648-page volume analyses the prospects for over 350 US industries, of which 216 are in the manufacturing sector, representing almost 80 per cent of US manufacturing output. It is based on the Administration's official assumption of a 4 per cent increase in real Gross National Product this year, with little growth in inflation.

Nearly 80 per cent of US manufacturing industry will increase shipments of goods in 1986, and the vast majority of service industries will increase their revenues, the outlook says. Growth will expand more uniformly across the spectrum of manufacturing industries than was evident in earlier stages of the current economic expansion.

Services, which now account for 68 per cent of GNP and 74 per cent of employment, will continue to lead GNP growth,

## FORECAST GROWTH RATES FOR 1986

TOP TEN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	Growth in shipments %	LAST 10 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	Decline in shipments %	TOP 10 SERVICE INDUSTRIES	% Growth
Semiconductors	25.5	Turbine generators	-30.7	Mutual funds (assets)	24.5
Computers	23.2	Metal-forming machines	-12.5	Legal services (receipts)	12.0
Railway equipment	19.4	Primary lead	-9.0	Management/consulting services (receipts)	11.4
Primary aluminium	12.7	Metal-cutting machines	-9.0	Life insurance (premium receipts)	10.0
Optical devices	4.0	Shipbuilding, repair	-8.3	Health and medical services (deposits)	9.0
Telephone equipment	10.0	Footwear miscellaneous	-7.0	Motor vehicle dealers	9.0
X-ray apparatus	9.9	Glass containers	-6.6	Hotels/motels	9.0
Industrial furnaces, oven	9.4	Luggage	-5.4	Commercial banking (deposits)	8.0
Printing trade machinery	9.3	Leather clothes	-5.5	Franchising (franchisees' sales)	8.0
Coolers and crackers	9.0	Phosphate fertilisers	-5.3		

No figures available for last 10 service industries.

tion that 1986 will generally be a good year and is consistent with the more uniform rates of growth expected in 1986," the survey says.

More uniform shipments are primarily a consequence of last year's relatively lagged industries improving in 1986. Over one third of manufacturing industries are expected to set new records in shipments in the coming year. Both the fastest growing and fastest

## RETALIATION FOR AIRPORT RAIDS

## Israel may go for Libyan targets

BY ROGER MATTHEWS, MIDDLE EAST EDITOR

THE LIKELIHOOD of Israeli military action against targets in Libya in retaliation for last Friday's terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports has increased sharply in the past 48 hours.

The US and Israel have stepped up what appears to be a concerted campaign aimed at planning responsibility for the attacks on the extremist Palestinian faction headed by Abu Nidal which the two countries claim is funded and trained by Libya.

Mr Shimon Peres, Israel's Prime Minister, said in a speech to Parliament yesterday that "unequivocal sanctions" had to be taken against countries which financed and supported international terrorism.

He repeated Israel's determination to strike against terrorists and asked why such international leniency had been shown towards Libya. "If this leniency is not stopped the war against terror will never succeed," he warned.

The US has already given its blessing for retaliatory action

against the terrorists. Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman said that "if we or any other nation can find out who they are and wipe them out, that is fine with us."

News agency reports from Washington claimed that President Reagan had received from the Joint Chiefs of Staff a list of military options, including air strikes against Libya.

A classified version of the State Department document was made available to other governments last month following the hijacking of an Egyptian airliner to Malta for which Abu Nidal was also blamed.

That incident led to a sharp increase of tension between Egypt and Libya. Egypt accused Libya of complicity in the hijacking and reinforced its military forces on the border amid speculation that Cairo was planning some form of retaliatory action.

Israel has demonstrated several times the range of its air power, most recently in the bombing of the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Tunis.

With the US Sixth Fleet in the eastern Mediterranean able to offer considerable assistance

in any strike force attacking Libyan targets and Egypt not posing any threat, the military option for Israel is highly viable.

This is appreciated in Libya where the regime is making belated efforts to distance itself from the terrorist attacks in Rome and Vienna. An official statement said the Libyan news agency had not reflected the government view when it praised the gunmen. Libya, it claimed, neither supported nor sponsored international terrorism.

There is a strong body of opinion in Israel which believes that the US should be closely associated with any retaliation against Abu Nidal and Libya. A spokesman for the right-wing Likud said in Parliament yesterday that "we must tell our American friends that Israel's courage cannot be replaced by their own action against terrorism."

He claimed there was growing resentment against the US expecting Israel to do "the dirty work" of striking back at terrorists.

## Hussein-Assad summit benefits both sides

BY TONY WALKER IN AMMAN

SYRIA AND Jordan have advanced their reconciliation efforts, but fundamental differences remain on key Middle East questions such as the Gulf War and the peace process.

That is the assessment of observers in Amman, following this week's summit meeting between King Hussein of Jordan and Syria's President, Mr Hafez al-Assad.

No communiqué was issued at the end of extensive talks between the two leaders, their

first meeting in six years. Jordanian officials are, nevertheless, describing the summit as a success. The chill that prevailed in relations appears to have dissipated. King Hussein and President Assad were pictured in warm embraces on the front pages of yesterday's Jordanian press, after their several days of talks.

Western officials note that King Hussein's mission to Damascus was not a success. First, it allowed the King to take "insurance" against

the possible failure of his peace initiative embarked on at the risk of antagonising hardline rejectionist states, such as Syria.

Second, it has reduced Syria's isolation in Arab forums and increased prospects for a full Arab League summit and a closing of ranks.

The Arab neighbours fell out over accusations that elements in Jordan were supporting Syrian dissident tensions rose and troops mobilised on their common border late in 1980. King Hussein speeded recon-

ciliation efforts by publishing an open letter last November in which he admitted mistakenly repudiating Syria's accusation.

Jordan and Syria continue to be at odds over support for the respective combatants in the Gulf War and their attitudes to Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Jordanian officials say, however, that these differences have not undermined efforts to improve relations.

## Singapore sees second year of no growth

By Chris Sherwell in Singapore

SINGAPORE'S 2.5m people, who have enjoyed 30 years of economic growth averaging a remarkable 9 per cent a year, have been told to expect an unprecedented second successive year with no growth in 1986.

The warning came in a sombre New Year message from the Central Provident Fund Minister since 1959, who said two full years of wage restraint and even wage cuts were now needed. "We must get back our competitiveness for a recovery," he declared.

Mr Lee said Singapore's gross domestic product had contracted 1.7 per cent in 1985—slightly less than the 2 per cent figure he projected earlier—and announced that his Government was forecasting zero growth in 1986.

A total of 90,000 jobs had been lost over the past 12 months, he revealed, two-thirds of them involving foreign workers. Unemployment, already at 4 per cent, would rise to 6 per cent when last year's school-leavers sought jobs.

Real wages rose by 2.5 per cent in 1985, but productivity grew only 1.2 per cent.

On the recent controversial proposal to cut contribution to the Central Provident Fund (CPF), Singapore's compulsory saving scheme, he was cautious. Mr Lee has strenuously opposed such a policy reversal in the past, and specifically identified the latest idea with his "yammer colleagues."

But he did not rule it out, saying a two-year cut in employers' contributions was "one of the options" CPF savings, he acknowledged, would contract the economy unless they were channelled back into the private sector.

## Nigerian budget plans promise radical structural changes

BY PATTI WALDMER IN LAGOS

IN A New Year's Eve message to the nation, Maj Gen Ibrahim Babangida, Nigeria's President, outlined a 1986 budget programme which aims to effect major structural changes in the Nigerian economy. The highlights of the budget are:

- Petroleum product subsidies: Government subsidies on petrol and diesel prices have been slashed, leading to a 100 per cent rise in petrol prices and more than a 150 per cent increase in diesel prices. Kerosene, a major household fuel for average Nigerians, has not been affected.
- Government expects to save N900m (\$641m) through the move, at least 50 per cent of which is to be spent on rehabilitating some 60,000 kilometres of rural feeder roads to stimulate agricultural production.
- Exchange rate: President Babangida gave a clear commitment to reduce the overvaluation of the naira (which now trades at about 1/5th its official value on the black market), listing the adoption of a "realistic exchange rate policy" as a primary feature of Nigeria's economic recovery programme.
- He gave few details, although the budget implies a continued downward float of the naira rather than a one-off devaluation. He makes a passing reference to the introduction of a "second tier foreign exchange market," which bankers and businessmen in Lagos believe could involve the free sale or auction of a limited amount of foreign exchange held in local accounts by Nigerians. No details of the proposed system are given.
- Import liberalisation: A

gesture is made towards liberalisation with the introduction of a new category of import licence which would allow individuals to finance imports with their own foreign exchange holdings, without recourse to the Central Bank.

Rigid rules, however, will still determine the allocation of all licences, including the new category in agriculture and manufacturing industries, the priority sectors. Imports of raw materials and spares are to be boosted capital utilisation in industry to 55 per cent in 1986 from about 20 per cent at present.

- Debt service: No more than 30 per cent of the foreign exchange budget for 1986 (projected at N9,582m) is to be used for debt service. Bankers believe that the N2,500m set aside for debt service will not even cover the service of medium- and long-term debt, leaving no funds available for the continued issue of promissory notes to cover several billion dollars in overdue trade debts.

Government is currently servicing some \$1.2bn in overdue trade debts but Western diplomats and bankers believe that as much as a further \$4bn

to \$4.5bn in legitimate insured and uninsured debts exist. Nigeria disputes this figure and is understood privately to be prepared to repay no more than \$4bn in total (including notes already issued) and perhaps as little as \$3.2bn.

- Import levy: A flat 30 per cent levy will be charged on all imports in addition to all current duties. Government hopes to raise N1bn through this measure, to be used to promote non-oil exports.
- Export promotion: Various incentives, including provision for non-oil exporters to retain 25 per cent of export revenues for their own use, are to be introduced. Food exports, hitherto banned, are to be encouraged. Non-oil exports are to contribute 17 per cent of foreign exchange earnings in 1986, up from an average of 3 to 5 per cent in recent years.
- Counter trade: To be selectively encouraged, especially as a means of obtaining project finance.
- State-owned companies: Government subsidies to state-owned companies are to be halved and state holdings in some profitable sectors to be sold off.
- Agriculture: Food self-sufficiency is to be achieved within two years, and local processing and exports are to be encouraged. Structural barriers in the economy are to be removed to stimulate agriculture.
- Government spending: Expenditure is to rise sharply to N15.5bn from a budgeted N11.5bn in 1985, in what Maj Gen Babangida presented as a balanced budget. The overall defence budget is to be cut by 19.4 per cent.

## Canadians make large Arctic oil discovery

By Bernard Simon in Toronto

AN OIL discovery which may be the largest ever in Canada has revived hopes of a commercial oilfield off the Canadian Arctic coast.

Gulf Canada, a subsidiary of Oxygene and York, the Toronto real estate and natural resources group, said that results from a test well in the Amulugak structure beneath the Beaufort Sea indicated reserves of more than 400m barrels. The well is located about 45 miles north of the hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk in the north-west territories.

Mr Keith McMillan, Gulf vice-president for exploration, said that the Amulugak structure was "the necessary characteristics to be the lead prospect for Beaufort Sea oil development." The discovery caps an 18-year search for oil off the Arctic coast, which is estimated to have cost participants around \$2.5bn (\$2.5m).

Which it financed. A generous government grants. A token cargo of oil was carried by an icebreaking tanker from Cameron Island in the high Arctic to Montreal last August, but the shipment was mainly a symbolic gesture.

Gulf estimated that one zone of the Amulugak structure, at a depth of around 12,200 feet, has a production capacity of 35,000 barrels a day. The well, known as Amulugak 1-65, was drilled in 105 feet of water.

Commercial production is tentatively scheduled for the early 1990s. Mr McMillan said that an oilfield in the area is viable at current oil prices with present levels of government incentives.

Further discoveries are needed however, to justify construction of a pipeline linking the Beaufort Sea to the existing line from an oilfield at Norman Wells on the Mackenzie River.

Gulf Canada has a 52 per cent interest in the Amulugak discovery. Its partners include two Canadian companies, Beaufort Sea Oil and Northern Energy Resources, and Mobil Oil Canada, Exxon's Canadian subsidiary, Imperial Oil, and Dome Petroleum of Calgary, are also involved in Beaufort Sea oil exploration.

Premier calls for calm in Pakistan

By Mohammed Aftab in Islamabad

MR Mohammed Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, urged all politicians in a New Year's Eve appeal to stay calm so that the lifting of martial law could be given a chance to work. He also announced a number of economic measures aimed at reviving the sluggish economy.

Speaking on radio and television Mr Junejo said the lifting of martial law last Monday by President Zia ul-Haq, after eight and a half years, has provided the country with a rare opportunity to establish and strengthen democratic institutions. It has opened up the possibility of future changes of government not brought about by violence or the imposition of martial law as had happened in 17 of the 38 years since independence.

His economic measures are essentially an updating of the current sixth Five Year Plan, which was estimated to cost \$38bn.

● A tripling of spending on education so that it will amount to 3 per cent of national income. The idea is to double the literacy rate to 50 per cent of the population.

● An increase in spending on public projects such as roads, electricity and housing.

● A high powered agricultural commission will be set up with the aim of increasing farm output and reducing food imports.

## Rights restored to Bandaranaike

The political rights of Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, twice Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, leader of the main opposition Freedom Party (SLFP) and President Jayawardene's formidable political rival, have been restored by a presidential pardon, *Mervyn de Silva* reports from Colombo.

In October 1980 Mrs Bandaranaike was expelled from parliament and deprived of her political rights for seven years. This followed a report by a special presidential commission which inquired into "abuse of power" during the seven-year rule of Mrs Bandaranaike.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

## Craxi coalition expected to resume office

BY JAMES SUXTON IN ROME

AN EARLY solution to Italy's political crisis seemed virtually certain last night. Sig Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister designate, should today tell President Francesco Cossiga that his coalition partners have patched up their differences.

The latter is then expected to reject the resignation of Sig Craxi's government which he accepted provisionally about two weeks ago, and send the government before both Houses of Parliament next week to explain the agreement reached between its members, and to submit to votes of confidence.

This apparently simple outcome to a crisis which was originally defined as one of the most grave in Italy's post-war history was agreed yesterday after two days of meetings between the five leaders of the parties in the outgoing coalition. These included Sig Giovanni Spadolini, leader of the small Republican Party, whose withdrawal from the coalition over the handling of the aftermath of the Achille Lauro hijacking led to Sig Craxi's resignation.

If everything goes according to plan, and it wins, as it should do, the votes of confidence, Sig Craxi's government will resume functioning some time next week with its composition unchanged.

Sig Craxi, who heads the Socialist Party, and the leaders of the Christian Democrat, Republican, Social Democrat and Liberal parties have agreed a lengthy document which reconciles the differences which blew up.

It appears to go a good way to meeting Sig Spadolini's conditions. The inner cabinet is to have its procedures made more rigorous, and can now be summoned by the Prime Minister at the request of only one or two ministers. A special committee of ministers and officials is also to be set up to deal with emergencies in an orderly way.

The document has a detailed section on the problems of the Middle East, where the Republicans strongly disagreed with what they saw as the excessively pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation policy pursued by the Foreign Minister. It strikes a balance between the right of Israel to exist in security and the "legitimate right of the Palestinian people."

The PLO can be associated in the peace process "only if it follows without reservation the road of peaceful negotiation."

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## Greek austerity measures cause bitter union row

BY ANDRIANA IERODIAKONOU IN ATHENS

GREECE'S TRADE union congress appeared on the brink of a split yesterday as a result of profound differences within its leadership over how to react to the Socialist Government's economic austerity programme.

A motion before the 45-member administrative council for a nationwide general strike was only defeated two weeks ago on the casting vote of its president, Mr George Rastopoulos, a Government loyalist.

The vote split the council's Socialist majority.

Now, a motion censuring Mr Rastopoulos has been approved by a 27-strong dissident majority on the council which has also called a general strike for November 14.

Mr Rastopoulos has rejected the censure motion, calling it "a despicable act" which contributes "to the effort of reactionary forces at home and abroad to undermine the progress of democracy in our country."

He is now relying on a special meeting today of the general council to override it.

The congress charter gives no clear ruling on which faction in the leadership can at this moment legally claim to represent the movement.

The administrative council is entitled to change the president if he is "in disharmony" with the majority. However, the general council can declare the actions of the dissident majority invalid.

## New wine scandal breaks out in Austria

By Patrick Blum in Vienna

AUSTRIA faces a new wine scandal following the disclosure yesterday that a dangerous chemical used in explosive detonators had been found in wines produced in the eastern province of Burgenland.

The Agriculture Ministry said that 1,000 hectolitres of wine produced in the province had been seized after tests revealed the presence of sodium azide (NaN<sub>3</sub>) in some of them. Professor Gottfried Machata, a Vienna court chemist, described the chemical as a poison which can cause a rapid fall in blood pressure with possibly fatal consequences.

Another chemical, monobromine acetic acid, was also found in some wines although in very small quantities. Professor Machata said that this was not as dangerous but that it could damage the nervous system. Both chemicals were illegally used as preservatives.

Between 0.5 and 1.5 mg of sodium azide per litre have been found in about 40 initial tests. According to the Health Ministry yesterday the chemical becomes dangerous if it reaches about 1 mg per kg of body weight. "That means a man weighing 80 kilos would have to drink 80 litres of wine to be in danger," it said.

The scandal follows the one in the summer when Austrian wines were found to contain diethylene glycol. It comes barely a week after the Austrian Parliament raised a tough wine law to prevent a recurrence of such events. The summer scandal caused wine exports to plummet and seriously damaged the industry's image abroad and its reputation as a quality exporter.

The Agriculture Ministry said yesterday that it had no evidence that wine containing sodium azide had been exported. However, a West German official said in Vienna the Austrian Health Ministry warned his country's authorities during the day that barrels of the wine may have been exported to West Germany.

West Germany, the largest importer of Austrian wine, is considering whether to issue a health warning against Austrian wines.

The majority of the wines contaminated with the chemicals came from producers already involved in the previous scandal, officials said.

## U.S. trade chief underlines tough stance on steel talks

DR CLAYTON YEUTTER, the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, yesterday underlined the Reagan Administration's tough stance on bilateral steel talks with the EEC by warning that the U.S. would retaliate if today's deadline for agreement was not met, Stewart Fleming reports from Washington.

On a possibility is that the U.S. might limit EEC exports for the remainder of the year by refusing to allow this year's quotas to be breached by bringing forward steel sales which would be permitted under any quota agreement coming into effect next year.

Mr Leon Brittan, the UK Trade Secretary, also exposed the gulf between the two sides by saying that he did not want any tightening of quotas and would like to see some loosening.

Quentin Peel adds from Brussels: Dr Yeutter's remarks received a frosty reception in Brussels yesterday as the negotiations continued late into the evening. A European Commission spokesman said they were "extremely unhelpful when we are genuinely trying to find solutions."

Reports from the negotiations sounded pessimistic, despite some

narrowing of the gap on the precise quantities of steel imports involved.

The feeling was that the deadline for an agreement would be relaxed if agreement was close, but not if the gap remained too wide by the end of the day.

The same deadline still holds for finding an agreement on the citrus and pasta dispute, although the EEC has made it clear that a final solution cannot really be reached before the member states have decided what they are going to do on future Mediterranean trade policy.

Washington has threatened to reimpose swinging tariffs on pasta

## Shipping piracy on increase

BY CHARLES BATCHELOR IN LONDON

PIRACY AND armed robbery from merchant vessels is again on the increase although it remains well below the levels reported in the early 1980s, according to the International Maritime Bureau, the London-based agency which fights shipping fraud.

The bureau recorded 28 attacks on merchant shipping in the first seven months of 1985 compared with 30 in the whole of 1984 and 74 the year before.

It identified the coastal waters and ports of West Africa and the

waters between Singapore and Indonesia as being areas of particular concern.

Attacks in and around the ports of Nigeria have fallen significantly following action taken by the Government but the problem has now spread to other West African ports such as Conakry, Freetown, Monrovia and Abidjan, the bureau said.

European roll-on/roll-off and container vessels have been the main target of armed gangs off West Africa. Attacks are usually made at night in port on ships or at anchor

in the roadsteads. "A disturbing feature of these attacks has been that gangs are stealing from particular containers with apparent prior knowledge of their contents," said Mr Eric Ellen, director of the bureau.

"There is a strong suspicion that some gangs are acting in collaboration with local agents and possibly with consignees," Mr Ellen said.

Attacks in the Far East differ in that they are frequently on vessels under way and their target is cash

## French claim on Aids doubted

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

LEADING medical researchers in the U.S. cast doubt yesterday on claims by a French team that it had successfully prevented Aids with an anti-rejection drug commonly used in organ transplants.

Dr Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, questioned how the French could announce "dramatic" results after only a week of testing. The U.S. Surgeon General, Dr Everett Koop said on television: "There doesn't seem much new to me. I'm a little surprised that on such short experience and so few patients that they would make a public announcement like this."

The French Government's unusual public endorsement of the treatment has also provoked controversy in France, and the Socialist administration has been accused of trying to capi-

talise on the discovery for political ends.

Mme Georgina Dufoix, the Social Affairs Minister and official government spokeswoman, issued a statement on Tuesday that the new treatment discovered by three French doctors at the Laennec Hospital in Paris had given considerable hope in combatting the disease.

The three doctors also took the unusual step of holding a news conference to announce their discovery after tests on only eight patients in the past week.

Mme Dufoix yesterday defended her decision to endorse the treatment based on a well-known drug called cyclosporin-A, made by the Swiss Sandoz pharmaceutical group. The three doctors claim the drug halts the progress of Aids but does not cure the disease. Mme Dufoix said yesterday that she did take

a risk in issuing a statement but added: "If there is hope, one might as well let as many people as possible profit from it." She added that there was no reason to hide the discovery.

French newspapers yesterday criticised the way the new discovery was announced. However, the controversy reflects not only the enormous media attention given to the subject but also the battle between France and the U.S. for leadership in the search for a cure.

A Soviet newspaper suggested yesterday that Aids might be a result of U.S. Pentagon and CIA experiments. AP reports from Moscow. Literaturnaya Gazeta said: "One can wonder why Aids, as well as other new diseases such as Legionnaires disease, an atypical strain of pneumonia... why in the U.S. above all do these diseases start?"

## Fewer W. German trees succumb to disease

BY RUPERT CORNWELL IN BONN

IS THE plague which has hit German forests at last starting to ebb? The country's environmentalists do not think so, but yesterday's annual report on the state of the nation's trees suggests that it just might be.

The 1985 stocktaking exercise has found that 52 per cent of West German woodland is diseased. Admittedly this is up on the 50 per cent of 1984, but the 2 percentage point increase over the latest 12 months is small compared to the 16 per cent jump from 34 per cent, registered between 1983 and 1984.

More encouraging still, three heavily wooded Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg have reported small improvements, although some experts maintain that the trend is temporary, the product of a damp summer last

year followed by the severest winter in decades.

The findings confirm that southern Germany, in spite of lesser industrialisation, is relatively worse affected than the flatter and less wooded north. They also show that among some varieties, notably heeches, oaks, spruces and firs, the sickness rate among trees of more than 60 years ranges from 64 per cent to as much as 96.

With the environment in general and trees in particular, a potent political issue here, the Government was quick to point out yesterday that the latest picture was still "far from satisfactory."

But Herr Carl-Dieter Spranger, State Secretary at the Interior Ministry commented last night that the data proved that "a steady worsening of the state of the forests was not a law of nature."

## German-Jewish wounds re-opened by new play

BY JONATHAN CARR IN FRANKFURT

OLD WOUNDS in German-Jewish relations are re-opened. Passions are inflamed. Rarely has a play caused such advance uproar and apprehension as "Der Mühl, die Stach und der Tod" ("Rubbish, the City and Death") which receives its premiere in Frankfurt tonight.

Members of Frankfurt's Jewish community have condemned the play, by the late Rainer Werner Fassbinder, as anti-semitic. They accuse those who are putting it on of riding roughshod over the feelings of a people which suffered the holocaust.

A lot of Frankfurt's non-Jewish citizens share that view and plan a protest meeting to coincide with the opening night. Not least, they deplore the fact that the play is being staged at a theatre officially supported with city funds.

Against that, the theatre's director, Herr Günther Rühle, argues that the play shows how new forms of anti-semitism arise in modern times - and seeks to break through the taboo against discussing them.

He is supported by citizens who feel that the play should at last be given the chance of a public showing - about a decade after it was written.

Criticism of the work centres not so much on brutalities and obscenities which it contains as on the portrayal of a central character - the "rich Jew" (unnamed), an unscrupulous property speculator in league with city officials.

Apart from the fierce controversy already aroused at public meetings, the play has brought an unusually sharp attack on Herr Rühle in the conservative daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ).

In an article this week Herr Joachim Fest, a publisher of the FAZ and author of a biography of Hitler, said the affair was creating "panic and terror" among Jews.

He accused Herr Rühle of belonging to a German type which "only holds that to be true which is hurtful and spares no feelings."

For outside observers the attack is the more surprising since Herr Rühle was, until taking up his theatre job, the head of the cultural section of the FAZ.

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## Bomb deaths mark start of IRA's new year offensive

BY OUR BELFAST CORRESPONDENT

THE KILLING of two policemen at Armagh, Northern Ireland, only a minute into the new year was timed to show that the Irish Republican Army (IRA) would strike with increasing effectiveness this year, an official of the organisation said yesterday.

Two constables, aged 24 and 38, died when terrorists detonated a bomb hidden in a litter bin. A third policeman was seriously hurt. The patrol was checking shops in the centre of Armagh.

The attack confirmed that the Royal Ulster Constabulary would continue to be the main target of the IRA's campaign. Last year 23 police officers were killed by terrorists, the highest casualty list since 1978.

The IRA issued a statement saying the timing was chosen to show that it planned to strike with increasing effectiveness throughout

1986. They said the arrival of an extra 550 British troops to the province would not deter them.

"The murders were condemned by Unionist and nationalist leaders. Cardinal Thomas O'Reilly, the Roman Catholic primate of Ireland, preaching at a service for peace in Armagh, said the killings were 'a deplorable atrocity' which showed no respect for human life."

Mr Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the main nationalist party, said: "This callous and calculated act, carried out before church bells ceased ringing in the new year, shows that 1986 will be another year of murder and hatred."

Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, in a new year message, said the real proof of the recent Anglo-Irish agreement would come from its deeds.

## New GM model for British market

GENERAL MOTORS (GM) yesterday announced a new model for Britain, the Belmont, which the Vauxhall-Opel group expects to boost its share of the UK car market from 17 per cent to 18 per cent this year, Kenneth Gooding writes.

That would give GM the same market share as BL's Austin Rover subsidiary and fighting for second place behind Ford in Britain. The new model will also enable the US group to increase both the number of cars it builds in the UK and the British content of those vehicles.

GM will spend £2m on launch promotion for the Belmont - starting January 15 when the model goes on sale - and expects to sell 37,000 this year, rising to 41,000 in 1987.

The Belmont will compete in the UK mainly with Ford's Orion, which had sales of 60,556 in the first 11 months of 1985 and a market share of 3.47 per cent.

Ford is soon to introduce changes to the Orion - and to the Escort from which it is derived - including a new front end and interior styling, with the aim of giving sales renewed impetus.

Austin Rover group's Rover 200 series, of which 42,039 were registered by the end of November, also competes in the same sector as GM's new model.

Belmont is based largely on the Opel Kadett/Vauxhall Astra, launched at a cost of £490m by GM in the autumn of 1984, but it has a boot instead of a hatchback.

UNITY TRUST, the UK trade unions' banking institution, has become a public limited company today, 18 months after it was launched. The change from private company status is a prelude to widening the ownership of the bank and raising more capital, possibly £10m according to Mr Terry Thomas, the managing director.

In its first full financial year which ended on December 31, Unity Trust made a pre-tax profit of about £200,000, and its balance sheet on that date was about £35m. This represents a return of some 5 per cent for the founder trade unions who put up the initial £5m investment to get it going.

HOUSE prices rose by an average of 10 per cent in Britain last year according to the Nationwide Building Society.

This relatively high average masks continuing wide differences between the north and south of the country. There is also a widening gap between the price of old and new property. The average price of new properties rose by 15 per cent.

SALMONELLA traces have been found in dust from a cleaning system at the Fackey Health Products factory at Kendal, Cumbria. The discovery came after investigations at the plant and the withdrawal from sale of a range of food products. Parents were warned before Christmas to stop feeding babies certain food products which had been statistically associated with a salmonella infection.

## John Hunt reads Cabinet papers of 30 years ago

### Determined effort to suppress Burgess and Maclean affair

THE WAY in which the Conservative Government of 1955 managed to suppress the facts over the scandal of Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, the British diplomats who defected to the Soviet Union, is disclosed in the Cabinet papers for that year.

The minutes and memoranda, previously confidential but now released by the Public Record Office under the 30-year rule, show that the Cabinet was determined at all costs to prevent a public inquiry into how the two diplomats continued to spy undetected for so long before absconding in 1951.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, and other ministers, reacted with dismay to the mounting public pressure for an inquiry. Their attitude was demonstrated by a secret memorandum from Mr Harold Macmillan (now the Earl of Stockton) who was then Foreign Secretary.

Written in the inimitable Macmillan style it declared: "Nothing could be worse than a lot of mock making and immundo. It would be like one of those immense divorce cases which were going on for days and days, every detail reported in the press."

The inquiry team would include a judge, civil servants, representatives of industry and perhaps academics. It would also include trade unionists because, said Macmillan: "Even now it is possible for Marxist labour leaders to penetrate in the course of their trade union business into establishments where some work

of the highest importance is being carried out."

Even this ingenious solution was greeted with horror by other ministers, who feared that such a hushed inquiry might be transformed into a full investigation into the Burgess and Maclean scandal. The Prime Minister and Mr Gwilym Lloyd-George, the Home Secretary, favoured a "confidential inquiry by government and opposition leaders."

The Cabinet rejected the Macmillan solution and decided that "pressure for a public inquiry of any kind should be resisted."

In the debate which followed in the House of Commons in November 1955 the Labour opposition agreed to the setting up of a small informal conference of party councillors (advisors to the Queen) of both parties to examine existing security procedures.

Mr Clement Attlee, Labour leader, was only too happy to go along with this anodyne solution as the deflection of the two spies has taken place under his administration when Mr Herbert Morrison had been Foreign Secretary. A public inquiry would have been an embarrassing Labour as the Tories.

BY PHILIP BASSETT, LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG ethnic minorities in the UK is markedly higher than among whites - with unemployment among Pakistanis and Bangladeshis three times that of whites, according to Government figures published yesterday.

The figures in the Department of Employment's Gazette provide solid evidence to support the drive begun at the end of last year by Mr Peter Bottomley, an employment minister, for companies to ensure that they are not discriminating against ethnic minorities.

Commenting on the new figures, Mr Morrison said yesterday that employers should not be satisfied simply with having an equal opportunities policy. "Indirect discrimination, where unjustifiable conditions are imposed on a greater proportion of people from one racial group than another, is still widespread," he said.

He emphasised, too, the steps the Government was itself taking on the subject by carrying out an ethnic monitoring programme, aimed at covering the whole of the Civil Service by mid-1986, which would allow the Government to assess the position and then develop policies to overcome any difficulties.

The Gazette's findings show that by every measurement - age, occupation, industry, region, qualifications - unemployment rates are higher for the ethnic minorities than for whites with similar characteristics.

## Ethnic minorities suffer highest rate of unemployed

BY PHILIP BASSETT, LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG ethnic minorities in the UK is markedly higher than among whites - with unemployment among Pakistanis and Bangladeshis three times that of whites, according to Government figures published yesterday.

The figures in the Department of Employment's Gazette provide solid evidence to support the drive begun at the end of last year by Mr Peter Bottomley, an employment minister, for companies to ensure that they are not discriminating against ethnic minorities.

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Emphasising that judgment should be based on merit, ability, work and skill, Mr Morrison added: "We are against positive discrimination. We don't want anyone to feel that they have got a job just because of their colour or background."

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## Strike activity lessens

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is likely to lose well under 6.5m days through strikes in 1985. Removed of the impact of the miners' strike, days lost through stoppages are likely to be under 2.5m.

Figures published yesterday in the Employment Department's Gazette show that 167,000 days were lost in November - two-thirds of them from only three stoppages, with the long-running teachers' dispute alone accounting for the loss of about 80,000 working days.

Preliminary figures for the full year will not be published until the end of this month. November's figure takes the 1985 total to 6,175m, and with December traditionally a quiet month for strike activity a final total for the year of well under the 6.5m looks certain.

The 1984 total of 27.1m days was inflated by the miners' strike, which has pushed the figure for 1985 up by more than 4m lost days. Taking out the coal strike figures shows underlying strike activity to be very low.

The average British household spent £152 a week in 1984, with each person spending an average of £58, according to preliminary figures, published in the Gazette, from the forthcoming Family Expenditure Survey.

Low-income, one-person pensioner households spent on average £29 a week, but households with a couple and two children spent an average of £197.

Housing, food and fuel accounted for 43 per cent of all household expenditure.

Employment Gazette, December 1985, SO 49, High Holborn, London. WCL Annual subscription: £35.

## UK ECONOMIC INDICATORS

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY—Indices of industrial production, manufacturing output (1980=100); engineering output (1980=100); retail sales volume (1980=100); retail sales value (1980=100); registered unemployment (excluding school leavers) and unfilled vacancies (000s). All seasonally adjusted.

	Ind. prod.	Mfg. output	Eng. order	Retail vol.	Retail value	Unem. played	Vacs.
1984 4th qtr.	103.5	101.3	105	112.7	164.0	5.103	143.9
1st qtr. 1985	106.0	102.7	104	113.3	133.9	3.138	153.6
2nd qtr.	108.2	103.7	104	115.0	141.4	3.174	161.7
3rd qtr.	107.5	102.5	93	118.4	145.2	3.178	164.4
March	107.2	103.6	103	113.9	136.5	3.147	166.1
April	108.2	103.3	110	113.5	140.3	3.176	161.0
May	108.2	102.7	110	115.3	142.0	3.177	164.7
June	109.2	104.5	111	114.4	141.8	3.182	163.4
July	107.0	102.3	98	116.9	146.9	3.173	163.0
August	107.3	103.0	96	117.5	145.4	3.183	162.9
September	108.1	103.2	96	115.9	143.7	3.179	162.5
October	108.8	104.0	96	114.1	149.7	3.172	172.6
November				117.1		3.166	170.0

OUTPUT—By market sector: consumer goods, investment goods, intermediate goods (materials and fuels); engineering output, metal manufacture, textiles, leather and clothing (1980=100); housing starts (000s, monthly average).

	Consumer goods	Investment goods	Eng. output	Metal mfg.	Textile mfg.	Housing starts
1984 4th qtr.	102.5	98.6	106.2	100.0	100.0	99.3
1st qtr. 1985	102.6	102.3	109.3	102.3	111.5	99.6
2nd qtr.	102.4	102.3	109.4	110.3	112.3	99.2
3rd qtr.	102.3	101.7	112.5	102.6	117.5	101.0
March	102.9	104.1	110.5	105.0	115.0	100.0
April	104.1	103.2	112.5	104.0	116.0	99.0
May	101.5	103.0	113.9	106.0	116.0	100.0
June	102.7	104.5	112.3	106.0	117.0	101.0
July	102.1	101.3	112.5	102.0	117.0	100.0
August	102.6	101.2	111.9	102.0	116.0	101.0
September	102.0	101.7	114.3	101.0	117.0	101.0
October	104.3	104.5	112.5	104.0	115.0	100.0
November						100.0

EXTERNAL TRADE—Indices of export and import volume (1980=100); trade balance; current balance (£m); oil balance (£m); terms of trade (1980=100); excluding re-exports.

	Export volume	Import volume	Visible balance	Current balance	Oil balance	Terms trade	Resv. trade
1984 4th qtr.	119.7	129.1	-1,313	+424	+1,468	96.6	15.52
1st qtr. 1985	120.5	128.5	-1,293	-935	+1,862	96.5	15.83
2nd qtr.	120.6	128.0	-222	+1,183	+2,368	98.2	14.22
3rd qtr.	119.0	123.1	-150	+220	+2,040	98.0	14.13
March	119.8	123.5	-137	+284	+2,360	96.5	12.53
April	121.8	130.2	-29	+210	+2,687	97.3	14.03
May	121.7	121.0	+252	+721	+2,838	98.3	13.98
June	119.4	122.9	-215	+232	+2,845	99.1	14.52
July	117.0	123.0	-123	+177	+2,828	98.4	14.26
August	113.4	123.3	-236	+164	+2,626	101.3	14.26
September	114.5	124.7	-230	+170	+2,444	101.1	14.18
October	119.1	123.7	0	+400	+2,760	101.2	15.31
November							15.88

FINANCIAL—Money supply M0, M1 and sterling M3, bank advances in sterling to the private sector (three months' growth at annual rate); building societies' net inflow; ECU, new credit; all seasonally adjusted. Clearing Bank base rate (end period).

	M0	M1	M3	advances	BS	EP	Base rate
1984 4th qtr.	9.6	24.3	13.4	16.9	2,492	2,946	9.53
1st qtr. 1985	2.2	0.7	9.1	15.2	1,511	3,146	10.90
2nd qtr.	5.1	32.4	20.4	19.2	1,523	3,084	12.50
3rd qtr.	5.5	15.4	11.6	17.5	1,771	3,380	11.50
March	1.3	1.2	0.2	16.0	214	968	10.50
April	8.4	22.5	18.8	19.5	507	1,661	10.50
May	4.2	30.3	18.4	17.7	615	1,652	12.63
June	8.7	44.6	25.1	20.2	401	961	12.50
July	4.4	19.1	8.3	16.8	650	1,129	11.50
August	1.1	4.2	14.4	21.5	524	1,126	11.50
September	1.1	6.2	12.3	14.1	524	1,125	11.50
October	1.5	24.9	19.8	18.7	796	1,147	11.50
November	3.0	21.5	20.4	17.6	638		11.50

INFLATION—Indices of earnings (Jan. 1980=100); basic materials and fuels, wholesale prices of manufactured products (1980=100); retail prices and food prices (1974=100); FT commodity index (July 1952=100); trade weighted value of sterling (1975=100).

	Earnings	Basic matls.	Wholesale mfg.	RPT	Foods	FT commodity	Strig.
1984 4th qtr.	164.1	140.1	134.3	358.3	326.8	289.64	74.1
1st qtr. 1985	163.4	144.2	136.6	362.9	332.8	295.22	72.0
2nd qtr.	170.3	138.8	139.4	372.2	339.4	278.13	78.9
3rd qtr.	169.4	133.1	140.3	376.3	335.5	251.12	82.2
April	169.4	140.8	139.2	373.9	338.8	298.06	78.0
May	169.4	135.8	139.3	373.4	339.4	278.98	78.7
June	171.8	136.7	139.6	376.4	340.1	278.13	79.9
July	173.7	133.9	139.3	375.7	335.3	259.51	83.6
August	173.4	132.8	140.1	376.7	335.3	254.34	81.6
September	176.1	132.7	140.5	376.5	335.8	251.12	81.4
October	174.0	131.7	140.8	377.1	335.5	248.46	84.4
November	131.9	141.4	141.4	376.4	337.4	n/a	80.0

\* Not seasonally adjusted.

## Suez raised world war fear

IN OCTOBER 1955, a year before the Suez conflict, Sir Anthony Eden warned the Cabinet that hostilities might break out in the Middle East. He said that the danger was not only of a war between Israel and Egypt, with America entering the conflict on the side of Israel.

In the event, the Suez crisis of the following year, saw Britain, France and Israel lined up against Egypt. America intervened in an attempt to halt the fighting.

In October, 1955, Mr Harold Macmillan, reported to the Cabinet that the Egyptian Government under President Nasser had entered into an agreement to buy arms from the Soviet bloc.

The Soviet Union was making similar overtures to supply arms to Saudi Arabia, Syria and other Arab countries. Mr Eden, who had recently taken over the premiership when Winston Churchill retired, said that government policy must be to protect Britain's vital oil interests in the Middle East.

At the meeting of foreign ministers in Geneva later that month, he said Britain should impress on Mr Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, the dangers of recent Russian moves in that area. Mr Eden forewarned a real danger that war might break out between Israel and Egypt in which the Americans would support Israel.

He thought the supply of arms to Egypt seriously affected British interests. Because of its dependence on Arab oil, the UK's interest in the area was greater than that of the Americans.

Britain should therefore be prepared to act in that area without the agreement of the US and feel free to pursue its own policy in the light of its own interests. That was just what the UK did 12 months later during the Suez affair.

Mr Macmillan said he had set up a working party to decide on action to protect British oil interests.

"Both the Egyptians and the Saudi Arabians have been attempting to undermine our position in the area and it is evident that the Russians are now working to spread their influence there," the Foreign Secretary told the Cabinet. Nevertheless he urged that Britain should still adopt a policy of moderation towards Egypt.

The best policy, it was concluded, was to attempt to isolate Egypt among the other Arab states.

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International, which has announced it is to begin operations at its new newspaper printing plant in east London without union agreement, has rejected union claims for a guarantee of lifetime employment for union members at both the company's new and old printing sites.

In a letter to the company on December 23, Mr Bill Miles, national newspaper officer for the general print union Sogat '82, but acting also for the NEA craft print union and the AUEW engineering workers' union, said such a guarantee both for members at the Sun, News of the World, Times and Sunday Times, and for members at the company's new Wapping site.

The unions are also seeking offers of full employment, with index-linked pay increases, and want all existing union agreements, at the new site.

Mr Miles also gave a warning: "We would wish to avoid a warning: 'We would wish to avoid a warning: industrial action, but if you are not prepared to discuss these matters with us, and guarantee our members' employment and conditions, you leave us no alternative course of action.'"

The company, which has been seeking a legally-binding, no-strike deal at Wapping, sharply criticised this threat of industrial action, and rejects the unions' claims.

Mr Bill Gillespie, managing director of Times Newspapers (TNL), but writing on behalf of News Group, News International's subsidiary, as well as TNL, says that neither company "can properly undertake the risks involved in guaranteeing lifetime employment to the members of three unions" and rejects as "very wrong" automatic pay indexation.





## RAND MINES LIMITED

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa  
Registration Number 01/0069/06

### Change of name from Transvaal Consolidated Land and Exploration Company, Limited to Rand Mines Limited

The directors of the company have pleasure in announcing that, at the general meeting of members held on 28th October, 1985, the members present in person or represented by proxy passed the special resolution to change the name of the company to Rand Mines Limited. The special resolution has been registered by the Registrar of Companies. The registration number of the company remains unaltered.

The only consequence of the change that affects the members is that their share certificates must be replaced by certificates reflecting the company's new name. The company's shares will be listed on the stock exchanges in Johannesburg, London and Paris under the name Rand Mines Limited, commencing on 11th November, 1985.

#### Replacement of share certificates

Full details of the procedure to be followed and a lodgement form to be used when surrendering share certificates for replacement have been posted to members.

Share certificates bearing the previous name of the company will not be regarded as 'good delivery' from 11th November, 1985.

If during the period between the date of this notice and the 8th November, 1985, share certificates bearing the company's previous name are submitted for transfer into the name of another person, those certificates must not be listed on or attached to a lodgement form. Such share certificates must be accompanied by a share transfer form completed in the usual manner and the transferee will be provided with a share certificate bearing the name Rand Mines Limited.

#### Replacement of share warrants to bearer

Share warrants to bearer showing the company's name as Transvaal Consolidated Land and Exploration Company, Limited ("TCL") will continue to be regarded as valid title until coupon No. 97 falls due to be surrendered for the purpose of claiming a dividend or for some other reason. It is anticipated that coupon No. 97 will have to be surrendered to the United Kingdom bearer reception office during June, 1987. Coupon No. 97 is the last coupon attached to the current share warrants to bearer. Therefore, after coupon No. 97 falls due, the relative share warrant and talon must be submitted to the company's agents for exchange on that occasion. The warrants will be replaced by new warrants bearing the name Rand Mines Limited and having attached a new talon and series of detachable coupons. Timorous notice of the impending changes will be given by advertisement in the press.

Holders of TCL share warrants to bearer may elect to reconvert their share warrants, talons and coupons into Rand Mines Limited registered share certificates at any time from 1st November, 1985.

By order of the board

Rand Mines (Mining & Services) Limited,  
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per V. M. Merton  
30th October, 1985.

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#### NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

### N. Z. Forest Products Limited

12 3/4 per cent Bonds Due 1988

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Trust Deed dated November 6, 1980 (the "Trust Deed") between N. Z. Forest Products Limited (the "Company") and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, under which the Company issued the above described Bonds (the "Bonds"), and in Condition 4(c) of the Bonds, the Company has elected to redeem on December 31, 1985 (the "Redemption Date") U.S. \$25,000,000 principal amount of the Bonds, being all of the outstanding Bonds, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price"), plus accrued interest from and including November 1, 1985 to the Redemption Date in the amount of \$21.25 for each \$1,000 principal amount of Bonds.

All outstanding Bonds shall become due and payable on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price plus accrued interest and shall be paid upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds together with all coupons thereto appertaining maturing after the Redemption Date at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent and each of the Paying Agents listed on the reverse of the Bonds, subject to any local laws or regulations of the country of each such Agent.

The Bonds will no longer be outstanding after the Redemption Date and the coupons for such interest shall be void.

Payments at the office of any Paying Agent outside of the United States will be made by U.S. dollar check drawn on, or by transfer to a Dollar account with, a bank in New York City. Any payment made within the United States or by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank in the United States may be subject to reporting to the United States Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and to backup withholding at a rate of 20% if the payee, not recognized as exempt recipient, fails to provide the Paying Agent with an executed IRS Form W-9, certifying under penalties of perjury that the payee is not a United States person, or an executed IRS Form W-9, certifying under penalties of perjury that the payee's taxpayer identification number (employer identification number or social security number, as appropriate). These holders who are required to provide their correct taxpayer identification number on IRS Form W-9 and who fail to do so may also be subject to a penalty of \$50. Please therefore provide the appropriate certification when presenting your securities for payment.

N. Z. FOREST PRODUCTS LIMITED

Dated: October 31, 1985

#### NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the holders of

### Transco International N.V.

16 1/2% Guaranteed Debentures due 1988

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 1.004 of the Indenture dated as of December 1, 1981 between Transco International N.V. and Transco Companies, Inc., as Guarantor, and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, as Trustee, that all of the outstanding 16 1/2% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1988 of Transco International N.V. ("Debentures") have been called for redemption on December 1, 1985 (the "Redemption Date") at 101.5% of the principal amount thereof ("Redemption Price") plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

Payment of the Redemption Price plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date will be made in legal tender or currency of the United States of America at the time of payment by a check drawn on Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York City or by a transfer to a dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in New York City.

The Redemption Price of \$1,015 per \$1,000 Debenture, shall become due and payable upon surrender of the Debenture (a) at the Corporate Trust Office of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, either at 130 John Street, Street Level, New York, New York, if by hand or by Coupon Paying Department, P.O. Box 2862, G.P.O. Station, New York, New York 10116, if by mail or (b) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto in the country of any of the following offices, at the main offices of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in London and Zurich, of Manufacturers Hanover Bank/Belgium S.A. in Brussels, and of Manufacturers Hanover Bank Luxembourg S.A. in Luxembourg.

Debentures surrendered for redemption should have attached all unattached coupons appertaining thereto. Coupons due December 1, 1985, should be detached and collected in the usual manner. From and after December 1, 1985, interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures.

Withholding of 30% of gross redemption proceeds of any payment made within the United States is required by the Interest and Dividend Tax Compliance Act of 1983 unless the Paying Agent has the correct taxpayer identification number (social security or employer identification number) or exemption certificate of the Payee. Please furnish a properly completed Form W-9 or exemption certificate or equivalent when presenting your securities.

Transco International N.V.  
By: Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company,  
Trustee

Dated: October 31, 1985

## Japanese trade surplus soars

By Carla Rapoport in Tokyo

JAPAN'S huge trade surplus with the rest of the world widened to a record in the first six months of the current fiscal year, despite continued Government efforts to liberalise its markets and boost imports.

According to government figures released yesterday, for the six months to September Japan showed a current account surplus of \$26.5bn, before seasonal adjustments, which compares to an \$18.6bn surplus in the same period last year. The huge surplus in the current account—which combines visible and invisible trade balances as well as the transfer account—is largely the result of a record surplus in the visible trade balance.

The trade surplus of \$26.5bn compared to \$22.1bn last year, was fuelled primarily by growth in exports to the U.S. and China. Japan's exports to the U.S. rose 7.3 per cent in the period, while those to China doubled in the half-year. Exports earned a record high of \$86.7bn, up 1.6 per cent from last year, while imports declined 7.6 per cent to \$57.4bn, largely because of sagging prices for crude oil and other commodity goods.

Government officials point out, however, that efforts to liberalise Japanese markets and boost imports had not been expected to have an immediate, significant effect on Japan's trade imbalance.

A trade imbalance of this size, they stress, cannot be corrected overnight. As emphasised at the recent Group of Five Finance Ministers meeting on the dollar last month, a strengthening of the yen is seen as among the most potent weapons for correcting Japan's trade imbalance.

To this end, the Bank of Japan has recently allowed a strengthening of the yen to drift up, leading to a further appreciation in the yen in recent days. It closed yesterday at around ¥211.80, which compares to around ¥204 before the G-5 meeting. Japan's huge capital outflows, largely made up of Japanese investors seeking higher interest rates in the U.S., slowed in towards the end of the half-year period. The yen's value against the dollar fell in September, slumped to \$1.11bn from \$6.53bn in August, largely thanks to a warning by the Ministry of Finance about potential exchange rate risks to corporate investors.

Net purchases of foreign bonds by Japanese investors fell to \$2.62bn from \$4.47bn in August and \$3.45bn in July.

Prices of Japanese Government bonds yesterday continued to recover, following last Friday's dramatic plunge in prices. Bond prices in Tokyo rose sharply against the dollar and lower U.S. interest rates, the price of the market indicator bond, the 68th 10-year issue, rose nearly 1% to ¥102.75 to yield 4.32 per cent for the second day in a row.

The Japanese yen's value should strengthen further although the U.S. dollar now is more than ¥30 below the ¥242 level it reached in September, a high-ranking Japanese Ministry official said yesterday. AP reports from Tokyo.

Mr Tomomitsu Ohba, deputy vice minister for financial affairs, told a news conference that he was not satisfied with the yen's closing exchange rate of ¥211.67 to the dollar. It was the dollar's lowest closing since ¥211.60 on April 27 1981.

## MINE CLOSURES FORESEEN

# Tin price fall a blow to Malaysia

BY CHRS SHERWELL AND WONG SULONG IN KUALA LUMPUR

THE PROSPECTIVE collapse of world tin prices following last year's sudden halt to trading in London and Kuala Lumpur could not have come at a worse time for Malaysia, the world's largest tin producer.

Although the Government has put this year's growth of the economy at 5.3 per cent and is seeking 6 per cent next year, the downturn in most world commodity prices makes these projections look over-optimistic and some economists actually foresee zero growth in 1986.

For the first time in years, all of Malaysia's main commodity exports—rubber, tin, palm oil, timber and petroleum—are falling at the same time. The current tin crisis now grows more acute as the Government even though its role in the economy has grown less important over the last decade.

The Government already seems resigned to a string of mine closures and massive retrenchment. One official calculation estimates that if the world tin price crashed to \$13 (\$17.7) per lb—well below last week's \$19.20 level—only 22 out of 400 mines might survive and some 17,000 miners would lose their jobs.

At higher price levels, it is unclear whether the less efficient gravel pump mines, many of which exploit higher grade ore, would suffer more than the relatively efficient dredge mines which tackle lower grade ground. For the dredge mines, the break-even point is currently put at \$19.20.

Whatever happens, one major snafu would be the state-owned Malaysia Mining Corpora-

Government is that many of the smaller producers in Malaysia are Chinese, and an important political constituency for ministers such as Mr Paul Leong, Minister of Primary Industries. With an election likely next year, he and the Government can be expected to come under pressure to help keep their operations going.

For Malaysia, long a strong supporter of international com-

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tion (MMC), which operates half the dredges in the country and accounts for nearly a quarter of national output of 40,000 tonnes.

Only yesterday MMC reported a 55 per cent drop in after-tax profits to an all-time low of Ringgit 7m for the six months to July and most of the profits came from diamond operations in Australia. One analyst reckons that a 50 per cent fall in tin prices could drive MMC to the wall.

Another complication for the

modity agreements, it is particularly galling to have to accept that the International Tin Agreement has outlived its usefulness in stabilising fluctuations in world prices.

The reasons, however, are clear:

● Rising production, especially by non-members of the agreement in the face of stagnant demand, creating a stockpile worldwide of 100,000 tonnes.

● The smuggling of 12,000

tonnes a year by South-East Asian producers to evade their governments' export controls.

● The falling of both producers and consumers to agree on static intervention prices in the market and make full contributions to support buffer stock operations.

Malaysia has long seen the vulnerability of the International Tin Agreement, but feels that it bears little responsibility for the latest crisis. Rather, the feeling is that it poses a serious threat to the future of the London Metal Exchange, and a dilemma for the Bank of England.

Malaysia nevertheless recognises the gravity of its tin situation. Generally, it now sees a future for all international commodity agreements. At home the Cabinet is coming face to face with some of the economic and political weaknesses and bracing itself for the domestic consequences.

Hopes for 1986 are pinned on oil exports—another weak market—and a jump in private investment, especially from foreign companies. With several other political challenges confronting the Government it is little surprise that the Cabinet's anxiety is growing.

## HK elected legislature opened

BY DAVID DODWELL IN HONG KONG

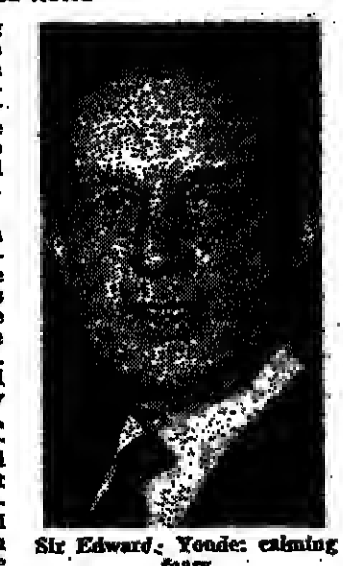
SIR EDWARD YOUNG, Hong Kong's Governor, alongside ministers from the UK, and a host of recently-elected legislative councillors, yesterday marked the opening of the territory's new Legislative Council with much pomp and ceremony in a new council chamber.

The session about to begin is expected to bring unprecedented and potentially volatile political scene, much to the concern of both Peking and the territory's colonial government.

The presence of 24 elected councillors—even though they have been indirectly elected, through a conservative cross-section of the community, and are in a minority in the 56-seat legislature—introduces an unpredictability into a political process that until now has been confined to the Legislative Council's role in government appointments and civil servants.

Officials from Sir Edward Young have stressed the need to preserve stability, and for elected councillors to observe a "code of conduct" to the community as a whole. They have insisted that political change must be gradual at all costs.

Peking's representatives in the territory—while officially committed to non-interference



Sir Edward Young, Governor of Hong Kong, speaking at the opening of the new Legislative Council chamber.

people will govern Hong Kong, and that the territory will have "a high degree of autonomy."

Peking will be comforted by assurances made yesterday by Sir Edward in his speech opening the Legislative Council session that "the two Governments will at all times be alert to the concerns and the views of the other, as well as to the views of the people of Hong Kong."

Sir Edward's insistence that Hong Kong "should build a government structure at the central level which is appropriate to its own needs and in harmony with its own traditions" will calm any fears that the administration is bent on introducing a Western democratic model.

In the wake of comments by Sir David Akers-Jones, Hong Kong's most senior civil servant, that there is no evidence of strong pressure for direct elections, the governor's comments suggest that it would take a hard push at the territory's political system to be further democratised in the review planned for 1987.

The newly-elected councillors will carry a heavy responsibility for providing such a push. Whether they can do this without alarming the colonial administration—and Peking—has yet to be seen.

## Chinese ponder corruption probe

BY OUR HONG KONG CORRESPONDENT

AFTER A series of revelations about corruption in Hong Kong during recent months, the authorities in Shenzhen, the special economic zone in China adjoining Hong Kong, are considering setting up a body to investigate corruption that will be modelled on Hong Kong's 10-year-old independent commission against corruption.

Since the scandal over the illegal import of cars in China's southern island of Hainan rocked the country this summer, authorities in Peking, and in a number of regions which have regular contact with the outside world, have been conducting inquiries into the problem of official crime.

The Hainan scandal is thought to have involved several hundred million dollars worth of cars, and involved a large number of military officers and government officials at the local and provincial level, reaching

right into state organisations in Peking.

Foreign businessmen claim that corrupt practices have become commonplace in China in the recent past, with many potential partners or officials expecting gifts and other kinds of kick-back as contracts are negotiated.

Shenzhen, which has close commercial links with neighbouring Hong Kong, and trades heavily with foreign enterprises, has been an obvious target for investigations into corruption. No major charges have so far been levelled at officials, but a number of Chinese newspapers have homed in on the problem of currency black markets operating in the zone.

The announcement that an independent body is being considered to fight against corrupt practices among officials is a clear signal that the problem is seen as a significant one. It co-

incides with reports that Peking has so far this year closed down 9,000 businesses set up by party cadres.

Zhou Enkang, secretary-general of the zone, said yesterday that a "last may well be taken out of Hong Kong's book in its efforts to crack down on corruption." The British territory has had an independent commission against corruption since 1974. It was set up at a time of increasing concern over corruption in the territory, particularly in the police and among government officials.

Zhou said the body being considered would only inquire into possible corruption among officials who are not members of the Communist Party, he said procedures already exist to detect and act against corruption discovered among party members.

## UAE plans lowest budget spending for five years

BY KATHY EVANS IN ABU DHABI

THE UAE has published its smallest budget in five years. Projected expenditure is \$4.5bn in the current year, against revenue of \$5.5bn. Revenue is roughly the same as in 1984, but way down from levels seen in the early part of the decade.

The figures are viewed locally as purely notional for expenditure is generally pruned as the year goes by. For example, the deficit as outlined by the Finance Ministry is estimated to be \$1bn, down from the previous year's figure of \$1.17bn. However, Finance Ministry officials said: "We are cutting back on waste, the daily life of a UAE national will not be affected in any way."

The federal government of the Emirates is composed of seven Sheikhdoms, which in theory are supposed to contribute 30 per cent of their oil revenues to finance the federation's spending. In reality, it is only Dubai and Abu Dhabi which participate. The northern emirate of Sharjah which has recently become an oil exporter in the last two years, has refused to contribute funds to the budget on the grounds that it still owes money to foreign banks.

Negotiations between the

emirates on contributions traditionally delay publication of the budget, for Dubai in particular has proved reluctant to finance the deficit. It was Abu Dhabi that provided the \$547m needed to wipe out the backlog of debts owed by the Federal Government to local companies and contractors. Finance officials said yesterday that the Government did not owe any money now to local or foreign companies.

The Federal Government only managed to cut back on the fiscal deficit last year by cutting expenditure, and by paying repayments on loans taken from the two leading Emirates. About \$358m has been borrowed from the Governments of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, all over a long term and at no interest. "Rescheduling is no problem," said the Finance Ministry official.

Another \$373m is owed to state organisations such as the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and the Emirates General Petroleum Corporation.

Individual emirates are becoming increasingly reluctant to finance the federation's budget at a time when they are suffering 50 per cent cuts in their oil revenues in the last few years.

## Deals raise Saudi output close to 3.4m b/d

BY FINN SARRE IN RIYADH AND MICHAEL FIELD IN LONDON

SAUDI ARABIAN oil exports have been raised close to 3.4m barrels a day by new deals with British Petroleum, Marathon and Ashland Oil, official Saudi sources have confirmed.

The deals are net-back contracts, under which the Kingdom's revenue is based on the realised price of the products less the cost to the oil companies of transport and refining. The Government has now signed eight of these deals, the other five being with the Aramco partners, Chevron, Texaco, Exxon and Mobil and Shell.

Net-back sales to Japan have been delayed by the fact that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in Tokyo is still in the process of determining domestic product prices.

The same Saudi sources say that the Government intends to push its total production to 4.35m b/d, as allowed under its Opec quota. This would greatly mitigate the severe financial problems that the Kingdom was suffering in the summer.

Share of the Saudi-Kuwait Partitioned Zone on behalf of Iraq. Now that Iraq's fields are connected to the east-west Saudi pipeline, which discharges at Yanbu on the Red Sea, the arrangements are thought to be no longer necessary.

Oil ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries (Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states) meanwhile have decided not to establish a special subgroup of Opec countries to influence crude oil prices.

At a two-day meeting last week they also reaffirmed their policy of raising the prices of domestic oil products to international levels.

Mr Mahmoud Abbas, a PLO Executive Committee member, and Hall Abdul Hamid were expected to meet Mr Esmer Abdelmagid, the Foreign Minister, during their visit, the officials said.

Egyptian officials were angered by reported criticism of Egypt's handling of the Achille Lauro crisis, including a statement attributed to Fatah member Mr Salah Khalaf that the PLO did not want the Palestinian hijackers sent to Tunis.

President Mubarak, meanwhile, said Mr Arafat had a vital role to play in the search for a Middle East settlement. The PLO leader left Amman yesterday after talks with Jordan's King Hussein on the future of a joint PLO-Jordan peace initiative.

Mr Mubarak's comments to visiting journalists yesterday indicated he felt Mr Arafat was the only realistic Palestinian partner in efforts to revive the Middle East peace process.

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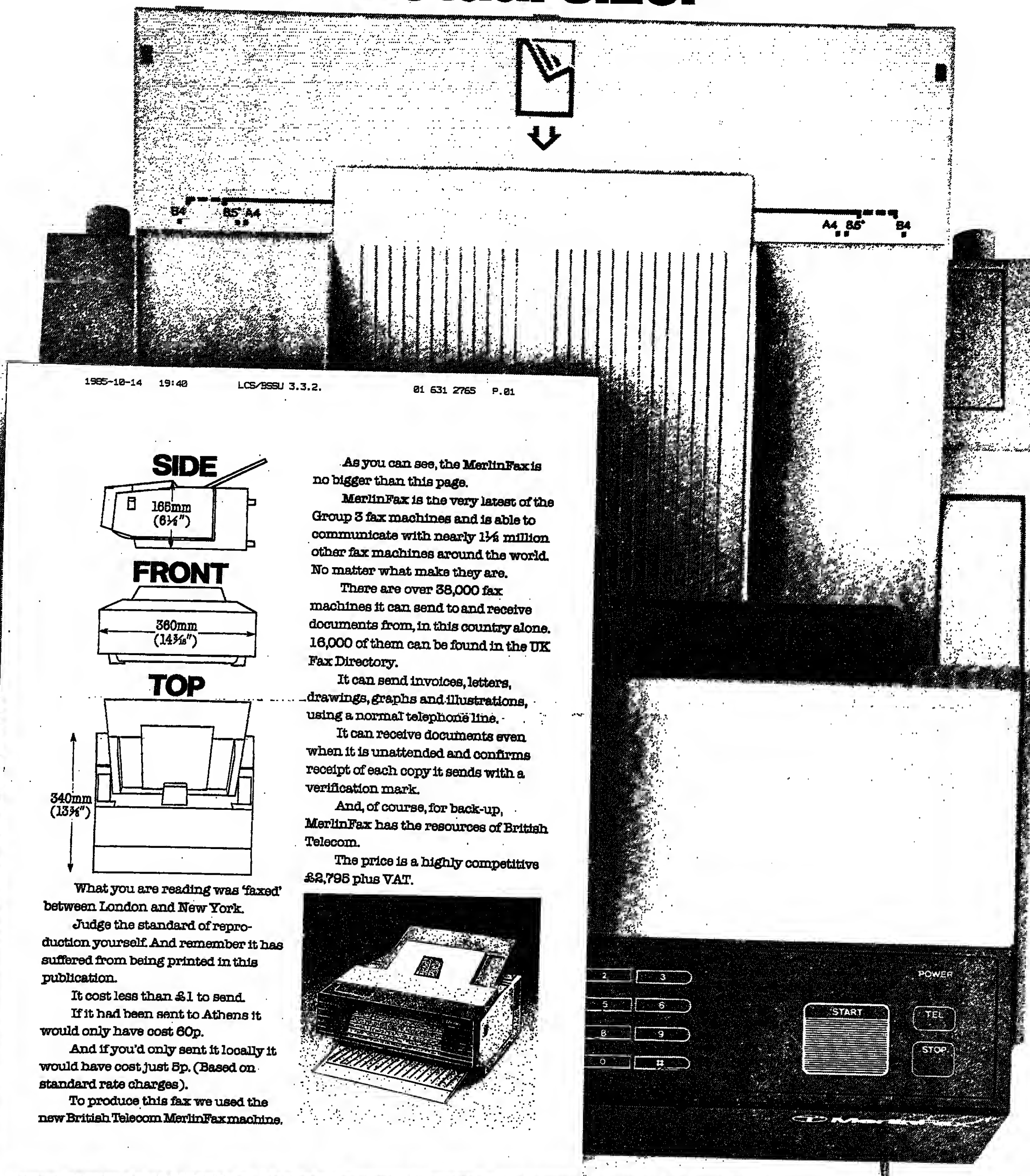
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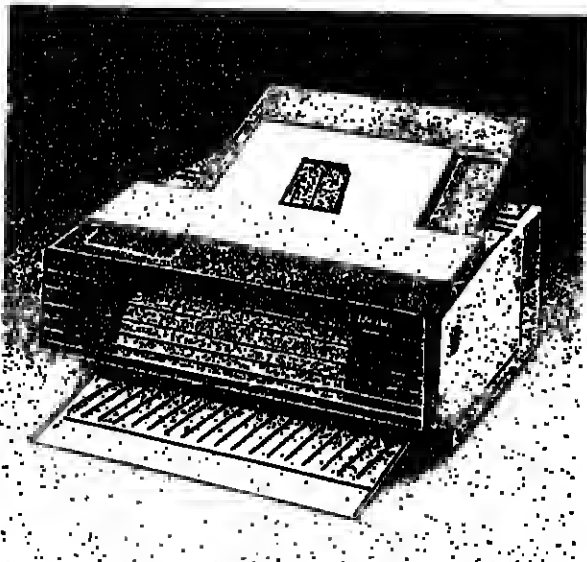
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# Barry Riley looks at progress being made on reforms in the City of London

## Regulatory framework for markets takes shape

A PROVISIONAL plan for a new regulatory framework for Britain's investment markets is now emerging from the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the embryonic body which is expected to be set up with statutory powers under proposed financial services legislation.

The plans provide for a new relationship between the London Stock Exchange and the big London Euro-bond houses, they foreshadow the establishment of an entirely new lower-tier exchange to reorganise the scattered dealings which at present take place in various unofficial over-the-counter markets.

In all, seven self-regulatory organisations (SROs) are envisaged, to be delegated by the SIB the responsibility of supervising the firms and individuals operating in the investment markets. The working assumption now is that there will be no need for the separate Marketing of Investments Board (MIB) to control the two SROs provisionally planned for the life assurance and unit trust sectors.

The SROs will interact, perhaps in a rather complex way, with a series of investment exchanges. Most of these already exist but at least two will be new - a Eurobond exchange to be set up by members of the Association of International Bond Dealers, and the over-the-counter market.

Detailed plans for the regulatory structure are expected to be announced by the SIB during December.

They will follow the introduction in parliament of the Financial Services Bill but will precede the second reading a few weeks later.

At the same time the SIB will publish details of the principles and rules which it will impose upon investment practitioners who apply to be directly registered with it, a right which will be provided for under the forthcoming legislation.

The overwhelming bulk of investment firms and practitioners, however, will be expected to register separately with the various SROs. The main relevance of the SIB's rules, therefore, will be that they will indicate the standard of regulation that the SROs will have to meet in drawing up their own rule-books.

The formal division between SROs and investment exchanges is the most radical development to have emerged from less than four months of intensive discussions since the SIB began operations from temporary premises at the Bank of England's Watling Street building in the City of London.

This division poses particular challenges to the stock exchange, which has always acted as a combined SRO and exchange. Membership of the exchange has used with it the exclusive right to use the trading facilities of the market.

Accordingly, members of the stock exchange earlier this year conducted an extensive, but inconclusive, debate on the terms on

which outsiders - such as the big U.S. securities houses - might be admitted to membership.

In retrospect this debate appears to have been largely irrelevant. The foreign banks and securities houses want to set up their own SRO - provisionally called the International Securities Regulatory Organisation (Isro) - and separately will establish an investment exchange which will trade Eurobonds and perhaps international-grade equities as well.

To head off the danger of a damaging fragmentation of the London equity market, however, the stock exchange and Isro are to discuss the possibility of setting up a top-tier sector of the equity market to which both stock exchange and Isro members would have access.

There is already a precedent in the traded options market run by the stock exchange, where under a recent concession non-member firms have been given special access to the market in currency options.

The intention is that regulation by the different SROs and the levels of disclosure required by the various exchanges will be compatible, so that business will not flow artificially from one to another.

The precise details will be the subject of intense argument in the coming months. For instance, it is likely that rather lower standards will be imposed on the hitherto unregulated market in Eurobonds than upon the established London

equity market. The fear is that onerous requirements would carry the risk of driving the Eurobond market abroad to a more easy-going location.

Officials at the SIB are aware of the danger of letting standards drift to those of the lowest common denominator.

Certainly there are intentions of putting pressure on practitioners in the over-the-counter market. They will be encouraged to set up a recognised investment exchange, with equivalent disclosure of trading information to that available from the main equity market.

If OTC market makers insist on staying independent and register directly with the SIB, they will have to comply with tough rules which will require disclosure to clients of the process of determining stock prices. It is thought that it will be uncomfortable for such OTC dealers to comply.

The National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers (Nasdim) is working on a plan for an OTC exchange, but this sector is marked by sometimes bitter disagreements between the various competing firms.

Although the basic regulatory framework of SROs and exchanges has now been decided, there remains much work to be done on the precise boundary lines and the relationships between the various bodies.

The most fluid area appears to be the marketing side, which comes under the Marketing of Investments Board Organising Committee. The two specialist SROs, one for companies and their salesmen and the other for independent intermediaries, have been formulated only within the past week or two.

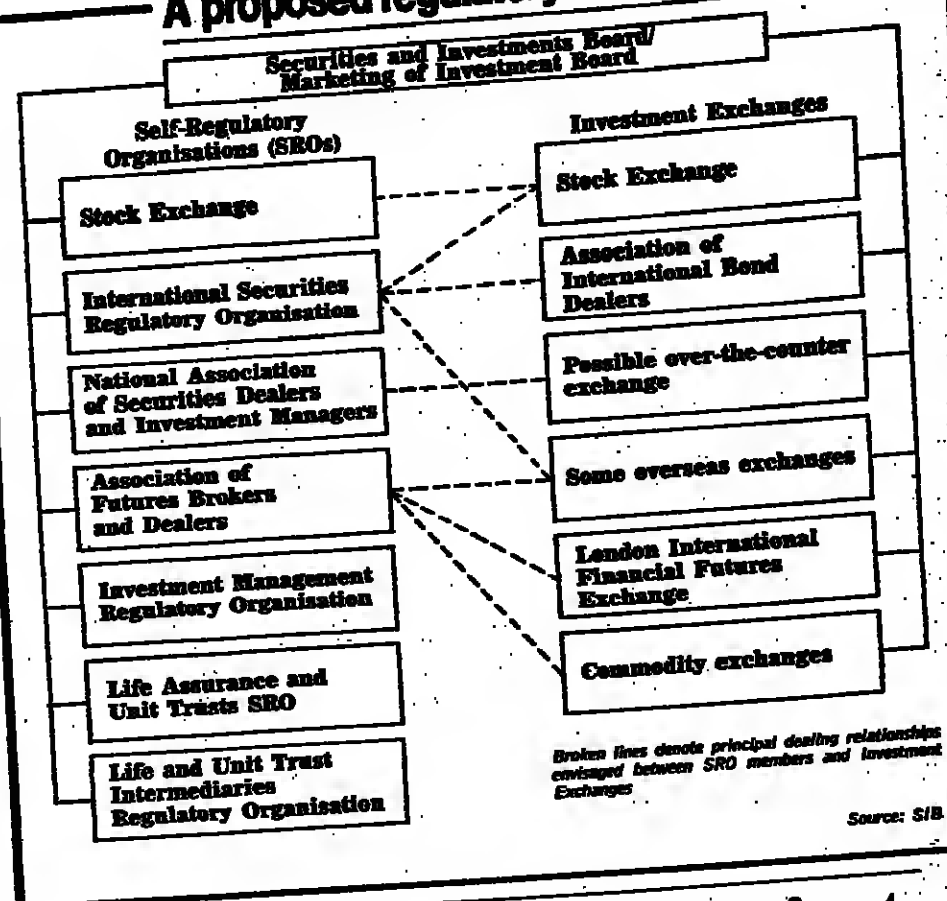
It has proved impossible to devise an entirely tidy structure here. There will be an overlap between the life offices and unit trusts body (Lutro) and the investment managers' organisation (Imro) and it is possible that some kind of federal structure will emerge.

Similarly there will be a blurring of the dividing line between membership of the life and unit trust intermediaries' body (Lutro) and Nasdim, which has recently acquired many insurance brokers as members, partly because joining Nasdim enables them to qualify for larger unit trust commissions.

The difficulty of dividing the marketing bodies from the investment SROs is a key factor in the fading of support for a separate MIB. If the SROs had to report to two separate boards it would unnecessarily complicate their operations.

The two marketing-based SROs, Lutro and Imro, are still only at an early, conceptual stage of development. At the other end of the scale, there are two which are fully established, the stock exchange and Nasdim.

### A proposed regulatory framework



Dashed lines denote principal dealing relationships envisaged between SRO members and investment exchanges.

Source: SIB

## Union strike threat against suppliers of oil to Pretoria

BY DAVID THOMAS

LEADERS of British seafarers' and dockers' unions yesterday threatened industrial action against ships of companies supplying oil to South Africa.

They were speaking at a conference on oil supplies to South Africa, co-sponsored by the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid.

Mr Jim Slater, National Union of Seamen general secretary, warned companies supplying oil to South Africa: "Any of their ships - not just tankers - will be liable to action by seafarers and dockers throughout the world."

Mr Slater said that the action could take the form of 24 or 48-hour stoppages, which "will automatically increase the risks and the costs

of being involved in the supply of oil."

Mr John Connolly, national docks secretary in the Transport and General Workers' Union, made a similar commitment. "If the companies were refusing to recognise the call for an oil embargo, then we would have to take action against their other operations."

The conference is being attended by unions from more than 30 countries, including the U.S., France, Canada, Greece, Australia, Denmark, Sweden and India.

The conference is today likely to approve a statement calling on all seafarers and dockers to carry out the action already promised by the British unions.

The conference is likely to be told that most oil reaching South Africa is being carried in ships flying the Liberian, Greek, Norwegian or British flags.

Major-General Garba, chairman of the UN's anti-apartheid committee, yesterday welcomed the unions' initiative as a way of strengthening the UN's voluntary oil embargo of South Africa.

"The Major-General called on oil-exporting countries to tell oil or oil companies that they would not tolerate oil reaching South Africa through oil tankers and other means."

He also called on Western governments and governments operating flags of convenience to make it illegal for companies to ship oil to South Africa.

## Accord on procedure for coal pit closures

BY JOHN LLOYD, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE NATIONAL COAL Board (NCB) and the three mining unions yesterday agreed on a revised colliery review procedure to handle disputed pit closures. It marks the end of an eight-month wrangle, and the honouring of a commitment to Nacods, the pit supervisors union made a year ago.

The two sides have agreed to appoint six independent arbitrators, three to be nominated by the NCB and three by the unions. Only one of the panel of six would chair each hearing.

Under the agreement signed between the NCB and Nacods last October - which averted the threat of a supervisors' strike - the unions can object to pit closures on a variety of grounds, including social ones.

The deal was secured largely through the work of Mr Alan Wilson, general secretary of the British Association of Colliery Management. In meetings with Mr Ian MacGregor, the NCB chairman, Mr Peter Headfield, the National Union of Mineworkers general secretary, and Mr Peter McNestry, the Nacods general secretary, he secured a commitment in advance of yesterday's negotiation that each side put up a list of 10 names, from which the others would pick three.

The six nominees are not known but it is understood that Sir John Wood, chairman of the Central Arbitration Commission, is one of the unions' nominees.

Three pits facing immediate closure - St John in South Wales, and Bates and Horden in the north east of England - will be put to the revised procedure as soon as the independent assessors are agreed. At St John and Bates, the unions have drawn up detailed cases against closure, largely based on social reasons - a development which is likely to be a constant feature of appeals to the independent element.

The unions have had to concede their original position that the independent element be composed of a nominee from each side with an independent chairman. However, the NCB has made a last minute concession that three of the assessors be union nominees.

● The 700 men at Aggecroft pit, in Lancashire, yesterday voted by a majority of 325 to 190 to leave the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM). A branch meeting which is likely to decide to affiliate to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers. Miners at Parsonage pit, also in Lancashire, are also calling for a vote on the issue.

● The National Coal Board uses "great care" and "sensitivity" over closure of loss-making collieries, according to four of Britain's top accountants in a 70-page independent report released yesterday, writes Maurice Samuelson.

The accountants, who include a former vice-chairman of the Accounting Standards Committee, also defended the NCB against claims by six academic accountants last January that it was using inappropriate accounting methods to justify pit closures.

The accusations appeared in the January issue of "Accountancy", in an article entitled "NCB accounts - A mine of mis-information". Its publication, at the height of the year-long miners' strike and the debate over what constitutes an uneconomic pit, had been a serious blow to the NCB's prestige.

Mr Michael Butler, NCB director-general of finance, said yesterday's report confirmed that the Accountancy article had contained major misunderstandings, inaccuracies and misconceptions.

The report, whose principal author was Professor David Cooper, Price Waterhouse professor of accounting and finance at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, had been particularly critical of the use which the NCB, in determining the viability of pits.

After this allegation the NCB commissioned four other accountants to carry out their own examination of its accounting methods.

They were Mr Paddy Cusis, finance director of Guest Keen and Nettlefolds, UK engineering group; Sir Douglas Morphet, former chairman of accountants Touche Ross and former vice-chairman of the Accounting Standards Committee; Professor Edward Stamp, former chief accounting adviser to the Treasury; and Professor David Tweedie, national research partner, KMG Thomson McLintock.

They reject the claim to the Accountancy magazine that the NCB had justified pit closures only by reference to the narrow yardstick of an individual pit's historic costs as expressed in the F23 documents.

Their overall impression was that the NCB "approached the complex task of closing collieries with great care."

## Minister sets out pay rise jobs link

By Philip Bessett, Labour Correspondent

LOWER PAY increases over the last two years would have created about 1m extra jobs, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, said yesterday.

His claim - thought to be the first time that the Government has put a specific employment figure on its statements about the link between pay and jobs - is likely to be disputed by Labour and the unions.

Giving the Shell lecture at the Institute of Civil Engineers, Mr Clarke, an Employment Minister, recognised the scale of the task the Government had set itself in its new emphasis on enterprise. "We are trying to achieve nothing less than a cultural change as we move from an unproductive industrial society into a successful one."

Growth could be maintained with the combination of the Government's economic and enterprise policies, "and that growth will turn itself into yet more jobs so long as we avoid the problems of wage inflation."

Slower wage growth would yield more jobs for any given level of output. Labour intensive activities would become cheaper than those which were capital intensive, leading to a switch in demand, and hence more jobs.

In addition, slower wage growth would lead to lower wage costs, encouraging companies to produce and sell more, setting in train a chain reaction over the whole economy which would generate higher investment and extra consumption increasing demand.

"The evidence suggests that if in 1983 and 1984, pay had grown more slowly, merely keeping pace with prices, instead of rising by nearly 3 per cent more each year, about 1m extra jobs would have been created," Mr Clarke said.

He accepted that these jobs would not have come instantaneously, but said that "over a few years this is the sort of effect which could be expected just from wages rising at the same rate as prices for two years."

He insisted that he was not asking people to take pay cuts but for a helping hand to the unemployed. Mr Clarke said he thought lower levels of unemployment in the U.S. were an important part of its more flexible labour market.

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## UK NEWS

# Thatcher moves to heal rift over spending

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, the Prime Minister, will shortly call in for personal talks those senior ministers who have not agreed their public spending plans for next year with the Treasury.

Disagreements still remain over the defence, housing and probably the social security budgets. This follows an intensive series of meetings over the last two-and-a-half weeks of the so-called Star Chamber committee of ministers under Lord Whitelaw, which is due to finish its work tomorrow.

Agreement seems virtually to have been reached on the external financing limits of the nationalised industries. These largely determine the level of energy and other utility prices. Indications are that one outcome will be an increase in electricity prices next year of slightly more than the expected rate of inflation.

Mrs Thatcher has made it known in Whitehall that she wants the unresolved expenditure issues to be settled before the full Cabinet discusses the autumn economic package, possibly a week today.

Because she dislikes any public airing of disagreements between ministers and the Treasury such as would be involved in any Cabinet discussion, senior ministers expect to be summoned to meet her over the next few days.

Despite remaining differences

the signs are still that the spending target of £139bn for 1986-87 will be confirmed after a reduction in the £138bn contingency reserve and an increase in expected receipts from sales of public sector assets.

The main unresolved issues are:

- **Housing.** Mr Kenneth Baker, Environment Secretary, is seeking an extra £200m a year on new investment, but the Treasury has offered an additional £200m to £250m a year.
- **Social Security.** Before a meeting yesterday there was disagreement about whether child benefit should be frozen in real terms after this November and about the extent of changes in housing benefit, as well as over possible additional funding for the National Health Service.
- **Defence.** The Ministry of Defence is pressing for some allowance for armed forces pay awards above existing inflation assumptions, while the Treasury has been arguing for a checkback of possible excess spending.

Indications last night were that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, would win agreement from the Star Chamber for at least some part of the additional £30m a year he is seeking on the overseas aid budget. Ministers believe it is also certain there will be no cut in the aid budget below existing planned levels despite Treasury reservations.

## Britain to subsidise China trade loan

BY CHRISTIAN TYLER, TRADE EDITOR

THE GOVERNMENT is to subsidise a trade loan of £100m to China to secure large capital projects and to match soft loan competition from other European governments and Japan.

The loan is likely to be offered at the highly concessional rate of 5 per cent, extending over 20 years with no repayments in the first five years.

Britain's first entry into the subsidised credit race in China is the result of lobbying by UK exporters, parliamentary pressure and the advice of Lord Young, former Minister without Portfolio.

No specific projects have yet been identified by the Chinese, but British officials say they have just returned from Peking after arranging the credit are pointing to power generation, machinery sales, and possibly urban water supply and telecommunications.

The size of the loan was confirmed yesterday by Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, in an interview with the FT.

Although he would not be drawn on the details, Mr Raison implied

## ICI to invest £60m in new ammonia plants

BY TONY JACKSON

ICI is to spend £60m on two new ammonia plants at Severnside near Bristol, in its biggest UK investment since 1978.

The plants, with annual capacity of 300,000 tonnes a year, will eventually replace existing plants of equal size on the same site. The move will entail between 20 and 30 job losses from a work force of 700, ICI said.

The two existing Severnside ammonia plants, built over 20 years ago, are the oldest and least economic of ICI's seven ammonia plants in the UK. They supply the base material for ICI's fertiliser manufacture at Severnside.

Mr Brian Appleton, chairman of ICI's agricultural division, said: "This is a key part of ICI's strategy for fertilisers, and a major initiative in reducing our cost base. It will reduce the amount of natural gas needed to produce each ton of ammonia at Severnside by around a third, and brings our total investment in UK fertilisers over the past decade to £450m at today's prices."

ICI said the plant and its new

manufacturing process had been designed wholly within the company, and would be a world leader technologically. Consumption of natural gas in the process would be very close to the theoretical floor of 300 tonnes per tonne of ammonia.

ICI produces 4m tonnes of ammonia a year around the world, of which 2m is made in the UK. The group claims just over 50 per cent of the UK nitrogen fertiliser market.

Mr Appleton said that the decision on whether to close the existing ammonia plants would depend on ammonia prices when the new plants were completed in 1988. If all the plants were to run together, ICI would then be the world's biggest ammonia producer outside the Soviet Union and China.

The only other producer of ammonia in the UK is the Dutch-owned UKF Fertilisers. The other leading presence in the UK fertiliser market is the Norwegian group Norsk Hydro, which has been building up its European fertiliser business through a series of acquisitions in recent years.

## London SE seeks to form joint market

BY JOHN MOORE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

SIR NICHOLAS Goodison, chairman of the London Stock Exchange, will make a policy statement today about plans to develop an international securities exchange jointly with foreign banks and brokers operating in London.

His statement follows a meeting of the 52 members of the ruling council of the exchange at which general proposals were adopted designed to prevent fragmentation of the securities business in London at a time of regulatory reform.

The initiative to enter into talks

with the foreign brokers and bankers was broadly welcomed by members of the London stock market who fear that large international securities houses may organise their future supervisory structure which could lead to business being lost by exchange members.

Exchange officials have been concerned about a plan launched by foreign bankers and brokers who intend to set up their own UK regulatory organisation called the International Securities Regulatory Organisation.

Philip Stephens explores options open to the Chancellor

## Lawson walks tightrope

MR NIGEL Lawson made light of it yesterday. The Chancellor of the Exchequer cheerily told a meeting of investment managers in London that over the past two weeks he had found himself attacked from two sides.

Some people in the City of London were worried that the recent build-up in liquidity in the economy might in the longer term spill over into higher spending and a surge in inflation.

Industry, however, appeared worried that interest and exchange rates were uncomfortably high and that the Government's determination to beat inflation risked choking off economic growth.

It was tempting to say, Mr Lawson concluded, that if he was being attacked from both sides, then he must be getting the balance "about right".

If the Chancellor can be cheerful in public about criticisms from industry and finance, the reality is that the Government is acutely aware that for the next two years it will be walking a policy tightrope.

On the one hand it has to ensure that an anticipated downturn in the pace of economic growth does not develop into anything like a recession. On the other, it has to prevent its economic strategy and re-election prospects being blown off course by another sterling crisis.

The pressure that the Government will face from industry has

been amply demonstrated over the past few weeks. The House of Lords select committee on overseas trade started the ball rolling with a chilling picture of prospects for British manufacturing industry.

The official publicity machine was quickly wheeled out to ridicule the Lords. But a few days later a gloomy report from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce backed the peers' demand for a better deal for manufacturers.

Earlier this week the Institute of Directors and the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) added their warnings that high interest rates and a strong pound were sapping business confidence.

The CBI, which reported stagnant export orders and a fierce squeeze on the profitability of overseas sales, has a shopping list of measures it would like to boost manufacturing output.

Its central point is that the tightening of monetary policy introduced by the Treasury after the sterling debacle is seriously damaging industry's prospects.

The employers' organisation wants a sharp cut in interest rates from their present level of 11½ per cent and, by implication, a fall in the value of the pound.

The CBI argues that as inflation comes down (and it shares the Treasury view that the annual rate will be below 4 per cent by mid-1986) real, or inflation-adjusted, in-

terest rates will actually rise over coming months unless nominal rates are cut substantially.

The effect, it says, will be a further squeeze on company profits and much slower growth in industrial output as exports stagnate or fall.

Without faster growth in 1986 the CBI believes there is no prospect of a significant fall in unemployment. Even with the fairly rapid growth rate seen so far this year manufacturing employment was falling.

That thesis at present draws little sympathy from Mr Lawson. Many companies, he said, were giving their workers large pay rises and were then asking the Government to alleviate the resulting competitive pressures by engineering a fall in the pound's value.

"The blunt truth is that, if companies agree excessive pay settlements, they cannot expect the rest of the nation to come to their rescue," the Chancellor concluded.

If statements like that are certain to annoy industrialists, the Government has not yet convinced everyone in the City that it is as serious as it says it is about the fight against inflation.

The decision two weeks ago to drop the official target for the growth rate of sterling M3 this year after a large overshoot, since April has left many brokers' economists distinctly uneasy.

## Bargain hunters snap up spoils of travel operators' price war

BY ARTHUR SANDLES IN SORRENTO

BARGAIN BUYERS yesterday besieged British travel agents as they tried to snap up 500 foreign holidays offered by Intasun, UK, the travel group, for £32.

The one-week, self-catering holidays were sold out in an hour and travel agencies' telephone switchboards were jammed. Some customers left their credit card numbers with agents to book for them.

At 10am Intasun said all the holidays on sale through the group's subsidiary Lancaster Holidays had gone. The group may consider offering more cut-price packages if accommodation can be found.

The price war in the package tour industry intensified on Tuesday when Mr Harry Goodman, chairman of International Leisure, parent of Intasun, announced the plan for cheap holidays. The company offered a £32 package in Spain or Italy for one person, or £39 for two.

Shortly after the announcement, made at the Italian resort of Sorrento where the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) is holding its annual meeting, Mr Paul Brett, managing director of Thomson Holidays, offered 500 "standby holidays" at £25 for a week or £35 for two weeks in Spain, Malta or Greece. These go on sale on Monday.

Intasun and Thomson have admitted that the cheap holidays are promotional exercises. The moves have come at a time when the trav-

el industry is faced with the prospect of fuel cost increases and a substantial rise in the charges for air traffic control in Europe.

Airlines have been asked for 14 per cent more for their aviation fuel from the oil companies and are fighting the prospect of a further rise of perhaps 3 per cent.

If such an increase were imposed, it would add about £4 to the cost of operating a package tour from the UK to the Mediterranean.

The charter companies seem confident of reaching agreement with the oil companies on this point, but regard the prospect of a rise in the charges for Eurocontrol - the pool system of charges for aircraft using air traffic control systems over various European territories - as more serious.

Mr Derek Davison, managing director of Britannia Airways, a subsidiary of Thomson Travel, estimates that the typical 17.5 per cent increase (for a Boeing 737 trip to Majorca) in charges for next summer that has been rumoured would add about £1.50 to the cost of the holiday.

There are suggestions at the Abta meeting that the tour companies may be forced to withdraw their present brochures and republish with higher prices in the new year.

Mr Goodman said that this was an option that his group was considering.

The flow of price-cuts continued yesterday. Cosmos Holidays, one of the big tour groups but one which has shipped considerably in market share over recent years, produced a programme with overall prices 17 per cent lower than in 1985.

It has guaranteed its prices against surcharges including, unusually, its extensive range of holidays to the U.S.

Mr Roger Corkhill, Cosmos managing director, voiced what have become the conventional doubts about what is happening in the tour industry. "This price war will cause most tour operators big problems in 1986. Only those major companies with significant resources or those who have other diverse profitable business, can look into the foreseeable future with any degree of confidence."

The small independent retailers are seriously worried about the march of the big chains and the domination of the market by large tour operators. At the root of the alarm is a worry that Thomson will one day "go direct" and cut out retailers, rather than its own Lum Poly chain.

"Sixty per cent of retailers have a turnover of less than £200,000 a year, making £3,000 to £5,000 net profit a year," said Mr Swinuro. "With one action (the price cuts) this has been wiped out."

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## UK NEWS

### European makers reject BL as car distributor in Japan

BY KENNETH GOODING, MOTOR INDUSTRY CORRESPONDENT, IN TOKYO

AUSTIN ROVER'S ambitious long-term plans to become an importer in Japan by distributing other European cars alongside its own have suffered a considerable setback.

The cars subsidiary of BL, the state-owned group, has been told by Renault of France and Alfa Romeo of Italy that they are not interested in having their cars imported by Austin Rover Japan (ARJ).

To balance this disappointment, however, BL's volume cars subsidiary has received an unexpected boost to its prospects from changes announced recently by the Japanese authorities. These simplify and make it much simpler for the company to meet the technical standards required for cars which cannot be expected to sell at the rate of more than 1,000 a year in Japan.

As a result ARJ will import the MG version of the Maestro and will put the model on show in Japan for the first time at the Tokyo motor show which opens today. Mr Cedric Talbot, chief executive of ARJ, said yesterday he did not know exactly what the potential for the model was. "The MG name is a good one and of course we would like to sell

1,000 a year, but we will probably sell 300 or so."

Austin Rover has been spending heavily to make big changes to its import operations in Japan to pave the way for the launch of its executive car, the XX, next year. The model was jointly developed with Honda and the Japanese group will make the Austin Rover version in Japan for sale by the UK company's dealer network in that market, Australia and some Far Eastern countries.

ARJ until recently has been importing only cars from the former BL subsidiary, Jaguar. But now it has acquired an organisation previously owned by Nichiei Jidosha which imported the Mini as well as Alfa Romeos and some Renaults.

ARJ's dealer network in Japan has jumped to 80 as a consequence of this deal and the dealerships gained a substantial retail outlet and service area in the middle of Tokyo – essential for any serious importer in Japan.

Mr Talbot is at present chairman of the European Community producers group which has been pressing the Japanese authorities to ease the technical standards to promote

more car imports – which account for a miserly 2.5 per cent of the 3m a year Japanese market.

He said yesterday that the MG Maestro would fit the gap between Mini and Jaguar and help to boost ARJ's volume sales until XX comes along. ARJ can count on sales of about 2,000 a year, including around 420 Jaguars. Once XX is launched, a further 5,000 should immediately be added to the annual total and eventually up to 8,000. Jaguar sales are also expected to grow, perhaps to 1,200 a year.

Mr Talbot said Renault refused to allow ARJ to act as its importer after the takeover because the French group claimed that there would be a conflict between the XX and Renault's executive car, the R25. Renault has shifted all its import business to a privately-owned Japanese company, Capital Enterprise, a large car retailing organisation with 40 dealerships which previously held the franchise only for small Renault cars.

Alfa Romeo has also withdrawn its franchise but has not found a replacement importer in Japan. So it might still end up by using ARJ, Mr Talbot suggested.

### UK 'key part' of Nissan plans

BY OUR MOTOR INDUSTRY CORRESPONDENT

MR YUTAKA Kume, president of Nissan, Japan's second-largest vehicle group, said yesterday he would like his company to move into volume car production at its UK factory more quickly than was scheduled.

He said preparations for the first phase of the UK project – the assembly of 24,000 cars a year from kits imported from Japan – had gone so smoothly and relationships with European component suppliers had worked so well that he was more confident than ever that the second phase would go ahead.

This would involve annual output of at least 100,000 cars with a high European content and boost the number of jobs at Nissan's factory at Washington, in north-east England, from 400 in the first phase to more than 2,500.

Mr Kume said he believed the decision about the second phase, due to be made in 1987, should be brought forward. It would be possible for the UK Nissan plant to go into volume production as early as 1988.

He pointed out, however, that any change to the timing of the British project would have to be approved by the Nissan board and no approval by the UK Government approaches to the UK Government about a change in the timing would be made unless and until the board had come to a decision.

Nissan could no longer expect substantial sales increases in Europe by exporting built-up cars from Japan, he said, so the UK factory was a key element in the group's expansion plans.

He dismissed suggestions that by developing in Britain Nissan would

exacerbate the problems of excess car manufacturing capacity in Europe.

Nissan's production would be only an "extra drop in the bucket" of European car output, and he hoped it would make a contribution to the use of more high technology in production by the European industry.

The increasing likelihood that Nissan will go ahead quickly with the second phase at Washington is the second phase of the European renewal concern in the level of motor industry output in the cars the Japanese group will produce.

Nissan has given an undertaking to the British Government that it will move from 60 per cent European Community content at the start of phase two to 80 per cent, measured by ex-factory value, as quickly as possible.

### Pollution controls 'a costly blind alley'

By John Griffiths

EEC LEGISLATION which from 1988 will require sharp reductions in pollutants from car exhausts may well prove "a highly expensive blind alley," Mr Ray Horrocks, group chief executive of BL cars, said last night.

Mr Horrocks, attending a conference on automotive electronics in Birmingham organised by the UK institutes of mechanical and electrical engineers, said he was concerned that at some stage European governments would conclude that a reduction in pollutants was not the answer to the environmental problem.

Like other European motor companies, BL is pursuing both "lean-burn" and exhaust catalyst technology to meet the new exhaust standards, which become effective in several stages up until 1994 and which set varying standards depending on car size.

When EEC environmental ministers approved the standards in the summer, BL gave a warning that the standards might add up to £1,000 to the price of each car.

Impetus for legislation has come as a result of environmental pressures about the effects of acid rain on forest lands. In West Germany, for example, large areas of forest have withered.

"There is no evidence whatsoever that the motor car is the cause of dying trees," Mr Horrocks said. Research was showing up other possible causes, including a virus.

"Dying trees are not a phenomenon of the 1980s... there is a graphic description recorded by German forestry experts of widespread forest deaths in the Saxony region in 1975."

He added: "The automotive industry is churning down a road of major investment in new engine and associated technology on the basis of unproven and suspect evidence."

Electronics technology, however, was a key element in meeting the standards, and he forecast that electronics would be a "crucial aspect of product innovation."

### Computer industry urged to innovate or face upheaval

BY RAYMOND SNOODY

IF THE players in the computer industry cannot better satisfy the market's needs, a new set of players may emerge by the year 2000, Dr Rob Wilmut, chairman of ICL, the British computer group, predicted yesterday.

Dr Wilmut told the Financial Times Professional Computer Conference that the personal computer (PC) had reached only 20 per cent saturation, compared with 90 per cent telephone saturation, because it was complex and not standardised.

The computer industry had reached a small part of its potential market and changes were needed to serve it better, he said.

"The market clearly wants standards. The market clearly wants to see the resulting acceleration of innovation in ease of use and lower prices in both hardware and software," Dr Wilmut said.

It was time for the computer industry to take a lead from the consumer electronics industry "to unleash massive innovation and enterprise through standards."

There was already more computing power going into cars, television, washing machines and watches than in the entire professional sector and the use of microchips had made products easier to use.

Computing power had to become "transparent" to the user before the professional computer market took off and prices would have to fall.

The video, compact disc and camera industries demonstrated that common standards encouraged innovation.

Dr Wilmut said international standards were emerging for application environments and networking "and the scenario is right for a period of major upheaval in our industry."

Earlier Mr Donald Cohen, executive chairman of MMG Patriot, the venture capital group, warned it was essential to add managerial talent to innovative companies which were still entrepreneurial in character.

Too much managerial talent was locked into large organisations. Government tax incentives were needed to encourage senior managers into the high risk-taking sections of the economy.

"I hope that in this way we could strengthen the very promising computer industry in the UK," Mr Cohen said.

Mr Tony Santelli, IBM vice-president responsible for personal computers in Europe, argued that increasingly mainframe and personal computers were becoming interdependent and there was no question of the big machines going the same way as the dinosaur.

More people were using a wide variety of computers for a growing

range of applications. To support the users' demands, the available computing would have to triple or quadruple in the near term.

"Does anyone still think mainframes are heading for extinction?" Mr Santelli asked.

Mr Vittorio Levi, Olivetti executive vice-president of operations, said that the growth of the European PC market offered a unique opportunity for European manufacturers to exploit and develop their inherent strengths.

The European market was expected to grow at twice the rate of the U.S. market from 1985-1988. European companies, marketing products tailored to individual national markets, had been able to hold their own against American giants "who erroneously imagined a United Europe."

Mr Benjamin Rosen, chairman of the Compaq Computer Corporation, said there was no substitute for a proper marketing strategy. A market-driven approach was one of identifying real needs. Compaq, he said, had killed off programmes within a few weeks of launch when they found out that the market did not want them.

Computer companies had to differentiate and innovate and never sacrifice functionality for such attributes as portability. Compaq would this year probably enter the Fortune 500 of U.S. companies in its third year of operation.

Mrs Brigitte Morel, managing director of Intelligent Electronics Europe, pointed out that PC sales in Europe this year should grow by 55 per cent in volume and 35 per cent in value over the previous year with unit sales of 1.2m this year compared with 780,000 in 1984.

This was a \$7bn market including peripherals and although the growth rate was slowing, the wind of depression seen in the U.S. was not blowing over Europe with anything like the same intensity.

Mr Paul Helminger, general manager of Computerland Europe, the retail franchise organisation, said the company was making a move into high technology. The supply of mainframe computing would remain the domain of the major manufacturers.

The sales and service of all sorts of home computers and stand-alone PCs would be best left to the private retail channel with low value-added and low margins.

Dr Ian Schoolar of Foote, Cone & Belding (Advertising) said that the computer market was moving away from the purely technical sell but the engineers who ran computer companies tended to want to describe technical functions in their advertising.

"Above all the appeal to the marketplace should be led by the benefits to the buyer of computer terms and enhance the reputation of the manufacturer," Dr Schoolar said.

### Peat Marwick lifts revenue

By Barry Riley

PEAT MARWICK International (PMI) one of the two biggest worldwide accountancy partnerships, achieved an increase in revenues to \$1.445bn in its fiscal year to June 30, a gain of just under 8 per cent. Chargeable hours rose by 1.8m hours, or 5.8 per cent, to 32.8m hours. The number of partners rose from 2,340 to 2,533 and partners' capital increased from \$358m to \$381m.

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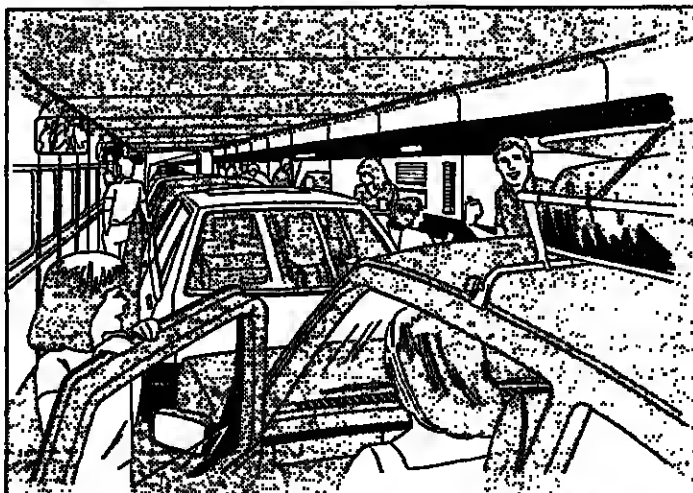
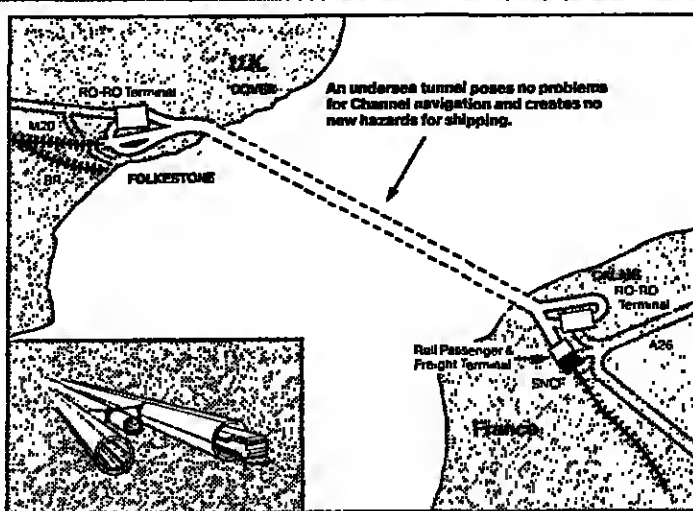
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## THE ARTS

Exhibitions/David Piper

## Fans and fanfares



"La Plaine de Chailly" by Théodore Rousseau

The ambition and variety of the temporary exhibitions that the Fitzwilliam Museum manages to stage, is astonishing. Leaving aside those in Coins and Medals, and in Antiquities, there are currently three shows; each alone would justify a trip to Cambridge.

One is the display (until February 2) of the recent bequest from John Fitzhilton of some 30 first-class cabinet paintings and drawings of the Baroque School, including Corot, Daubigny, Harpignies, Chintreuil. These will be seen in London in 1986 at Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox, but I cannot refrain here from saluting especially two wonderful studies by the archetypal Baroque master, Rousseau: one, a brilliant splicing of woodland sunlight, the other a simple, seemingly minimal, yet subtle image of a gate forlorn in an empty meadow, endlessly rewarding in its tonal modulations while in its totality formidably potent in impact.

A second acquisition displayed (until December 22) in its variety and richness is the collection of fans assembled by Leonard Messel early this century that has come to the Fitzwilliam from his daughter Anne, Countess of Essex, thanks to generous aid from the Friends of the Museum and the National Heritage Memorial Fund. It might not seem thus to rate quite purely as a benefaction, but the price paid was far below what could have been achieved by selling abroad.

Long known, though rarely seen, this is celebrated as one of the supreme collections of fans in the world, occidental and oriental. Its starting point is the unique, brilliantly polychrome feather fan, a rare survivor from the 17th century. The heyday of fans in the West was, of course, the 18th century and on into the 19th. Then fans became integral elements in social intercourse—polite fustich—part of the language. The loss of the use of the fan, of the flirting of fans, is sadly noted by Sir Harold Acton as due to the boring levelling of climate from air-conditioning.

In western daily life then, the fan is seldom seen, but seen here frozen at full stretch, stilled in brilliance as if pinned butterfly-like (though the traditional art of "fan-shape" is by no means the on-folding pin-point bat form being especially popular in the Orient). They come in remarkably diverse

materials—horn, ivory, vellum, paper, textiles—and are decorated in all manner of techniques. The most satisfactory ones for me are those from the east: Chinese and, even more so, Japanese. I am a little uncomfortable with the shattering of mathematical perspective implied in the opening and shutting of images decorated on western fans. Chinese and Japanese conventions, of rendering space are more tolerant of such disruption, though some may feel that best of all, from this point of view, are the very bold, virtually abstract Japanese designs. But look out for an enchanting vision of a hare in communion with the full moon, an annual event it seems on the night of the autumn equinox, stimulating fertility. Should the moon unfortunately be clouded, the result (unlike that of the great New York power failure) is a serious drop in the birth-rate the following year, at least among hares.

The rustic and creptation of fans that once enlivened the chatter and froth of parties may have been silenced for ever, but there remain among the intricacies and conceits of the Messel collection many masterpieces of visual lyricism and craftsman's skill. Their presence in the Fitzwilliam adds a further grace note to the museum's range.

Though redolent of frivolity and flirting, fans are part of the social history of their period, and no less a proper subject for study. The third show does not celebrate an acquisition, but is a specialist's delight, and the art-historical equivalent of a 75 gun salute for the 75th birthday of one of the discipline's most distinguished adornments: Mr Philip Pouncey.

Mr Pouncey is the most remarkably equipped student of Italian Old Master drawings alive, once indeed commended by Berenson as the best connoisseur that sage had met). He started his career, after Marlborough and Cambridge, as a volunteer in the Fitzwilliam, and many years later the museum confirmed that connection by making him, in 1973, honorary keeper of its Italian drawings. In between he served in the National Gallery and then the British Museum, before moving sideways in 1966 as a consultant to Sotheby's. Sotheby's has co-sponsored this show and the catalogue, which has an introduction by John

Gere and includes an elegantly exact justification of the value and importance—intellectual, academic, life-enhancing—of connoisseurship in the visual arts when practised at Mr Pouncey's level.

The exhibition consists of some 60 drawings; Mr Pouncey has established the true identities for many of them. All are reproduced in the catalogue, where the entries indicate the reasons for Pouncey's attributions. To demonstrate the analysis and conclusions convincingly even to art historians requires the articulate and mobile presence of Pouncey himself supported by full photographic coverage of relevant material.

The readiness of the grandest European institutions to lead to this exhibition is itself a great tribute to Mr Pouncey; 22 drawings come from the Louvre, not generally renowned for liberality in the granting of loans. But then, in the early 1950s Pouncey conducted explorations among the unattributed drawings in the Louvre, revealing to the delighted curators that they had more drawings by such famous artists as Correggio, Lotto, Dosso Dossi, Andrea del Sarto, than they had thought. These are all represented at Cambridge.

Pouncey's finesse also works in the winnowing out from the previously accepted work of the greatest artists of drawings that reflect their style but which can now be identified as the work of followers who begin to reveal their own identities. This exhibition is also a warning against assuming that because a drawing is no longer by Raphael it is no longer of consequence and Not To Be Enjoyed. In this show enchanting drawings, technically demoted, are a delight to the eye, and the Fitzwilliam's own most elegantly rhythmic Mannerist group, detached from Rosso or Bellange by Pouncey and shown to be by the unjustly dismissed Cavaliere d'Arpino.

The exercise offered though, is above all the assessment of quality. The outstanding drawing, lent from a Portuguese private collection, is a study in pen, brown ink and wash, so free and yet touchingly and accurately tender, that a young mother washing her child's feet, up-graded inconceivably by Pouncey from the obscure Raffaellino da Reggio to Leonardo da Vinci. The exhibition continues till December 15.

## Acis and Galatea

Max Loppert

Having this summer taken its production of Handel's *Acis and Galatea* to Italy and Spain, and also to Hampton Court, the English Bach Festival on Tuesday brought the show to London for a single performance. The style chosen for the work was the now-familiar EBF stylisation of 18th century costume and dance manners; while no one could pretend this affords Authentic Handel, it made for an attractively fleet reading of a work that for all its manifold delights, can lag or flag when given conventional stage presentation (whether or not *Acis* was originally staged at Cannons remains a matter of some uncertainty).

All the same, I felt that the match of the EBF production style (developed in the light of the festival's experience of 18th-century French court opera) and Handel was not exactly made in heaven. The Fragonard airs and graces of the dances tended, however delicately, to clutter up the margins of the music. In addition, the properly domestic size and scale of the instrumental band—well led,

with no dragging pauses, by Robert Aldwinckle at the keyboard—seemed somehow out of keeping with the size and scale of the movements and actions being accompanied. In the Banqueting House, clarity and balance of sound can vary alarmingly: whenever the singers moved away from front stage, the ensemble moved out of true with them. Luckily, this did not disturb the composer of a practised cast. Marie Angel, whose first London *Galatea* was shown in the (very different) Opera Factory Zurich production some years ago, has developed into a Handel soprano of very shapely, supple style, none the worse for being ever so slightly artful. Peter Jeffers's romantic, impassioned *Acis*, Michael Goldthorpe's civilised *Damon*, and John Rath's vigorous and always accurately (tuned) Polyphemus were supported by an expert small chorus. This is one of the sublime Handel works, and even in a rather pallidly decorous performance its richness can still prove overpowering.

## Basin/Theatre Upstairs

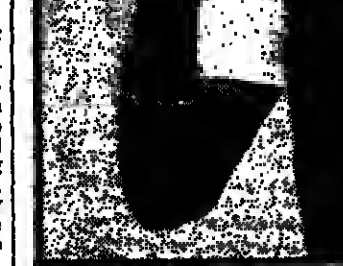
Martin Hoyle

The second and final play in the Royal Court Upstairs' mini-season devoted to the young (early 20s) Jacqueline Rudelet offers both perplexity and cheer.

The puzzle is why the elements of being black in a white society seem so extraneous to Miss Rudelet's central theme. The play is co-produced with Temba, the black theatre company, but under false pretences. The cheer springs from the suspicion that Miss Rudelet's interest in individuals, her curiosity about relationships and an innate good sense make her forget their colour.

The title refers to the basin given to all West Indian girls at an early age for their bedtime wash and marks the author's principal effort to reveal this study of a blossoming lesbian relationship in the ethnic background of her black Birmingham characters.

Heard on Radio 4 one afternoon, the play would stand out. The three girls are well defined: Susan, an actress, analytical and articulate; the slightly older Mona, generously expansive; the scandalised spectator Michelle, tart, promiscuous, appalled that girls can love each other.



Susan Harper-Browne

The outsider's reactions are perfectly judged, especially in Susan. Harper-Browne's expressive outrage turning slowly to cautious acceptance; but the author is less confident about the nature of inversion. "Who will love us—white people? Black men?" demands Susan. There are unconvincing moments: the girls' improbable calm discussion after their first night together (the author is not above lines like "Last night meant nothing to you, did it?"); and the sudden jealousy that uncharacteristically seizes Mona. However, Paulette Randall's direction evokes good performances from Don Corry's comforting Mona and Beverley Hills's coolly intelligent Susan. Both Edgar White's recent *Ritual* and Miss Rudelet's work in general indicate the emergence of an essentially middle-class black theatre (here underlined by Vanessa Clegg's well-carpeted set) in which blackness seems to be losing its importance as an issue. A healthy sign of integration? A neglect of race roots that the less lucky are still angrily aware of? These whose presence it is to let us know will doubtless do so.



Frances Barber and Nicholas Farrell

## Camille/Comedy

Michael Coveney

It certainly makes a change to have more coughing on the stage than in the auditorium, although Frances Barber's consumptive where was given a good run for her money by one or two hacking First Nighters. Pam Gems's emphatically anti-romantic version of young Dumas's play arrives in the West End from last year's RSC Other Place season to raise issues of freedom in sexual slavery, the dangers of possessive love and the price of affection. It might also raise the price of throat lozenges.

Money is the initial evil, of course, the play opening at an auction of Marguerite Gautier's personal possessions culminating in the deathbed going under the hammer for 300,000 francs. The gloomy lantern-jawed Armand of Nicholas Farrell surveys the sheet-strewn furniture and we then flash back to the bustle of Prudence's salon with its chintzy chairs and of stage queues of creditors.

However suited Ron Daniels's production may have been to

the Stratford tin but, the show sits clumsily on the Comedy stage, with ugly scene changes covered by a valiant List and Chopin-pumping pianist (doubling his more obvious function of musical ironist) and the false theatre circle of gilded oval sky paintings sitting cosy above a more mundane transparent screen designed by Maria Bjornson. The point is made. But the goosing of demimonde style, one of Miss Gems's chief dramatic tactics, is pretty tame if the convention is not gorgeously established in the first place. This particular market in 19th century salon fair has been cornered, inimitably, by the Glasgow Citizens.

Miss Gems's main invention is to give Marguerite a child and to play a powerful melodramatic twist on his paternity. The wind is taken out of the Marquis's (Bernard Horsfall) sails when he comes to buy her off; but his son is in turn denied when "Camille" returns to business for the sake of her son's education and security,

his stake in "the civilised life." although Prudence defines her action as part of keeping them all aloof. Miss Barber gives a radiant portrayal of a waste of life, curving green after coughing blood on the napkins, and there are fine contributions from Charles Millham as a Swedish bore and Rowena Roberts as a scatty courtesan who explains her confusion in the opera interval with the imperishable line "One of my stays went and I lost the drift."

As an artefact, this is the best play of Pam Gems for some time and it shares with *Play, Play*, a punchy line in undercutting and bristling anachronism, the use of modern idiom to demystify legend. The lovers swap miserable tales of growing up and Marguerite's wry recollection of a kindly uncle who gave her sweets and put his thumb inside her takes the piece effortlessly into the feminist arena. It is then let down by awkward, unpolished presentation.

## John White and Friends/St John's, Smith Square

Andrew Clements

British experimental music as it now exists owes a great deal to John White, teacher and mentor of many of its prime movers. White will be 50 next year, and Tuesday's concert in the New Macnaghten series offered a tribute and portrait of him under the title of "John White and Friends." The friends on this occasion were Gavin Bryars, Dave Smith and Ben Mason, with guest appearances by Erik Satie and Josef Kripkovic.

There was in the programme a good deal more music by the friends than by White himself, as if to emphasise the collectivity of much of the work of the English experimentalists in the past 15 years. If the history

of American experimentalism has been a sequence of highly independent individuals, its more cosy, homespun English sibling has relied much more on team efforts—the Scratch Orchestra, PTO, Garden Furniture, Music Ensemble, Portsmouth Sinfonia, Farewell Symphony Orchestra—and White has been involved with many of them.

White, Smith and Mason contributed short pieces from the Garden Furniture collection, unlikely party melodies which equally unlikely titles in the tongue never strayed far from the cheek. Bryars's *My First Homage* was more serious and characteristic of his

slightly remote harmonic style, Smith's *A Gay Romp* rougher edged, and propulsive. White's *The Oppos* contained a rondo woven out of a collection of popular melodies heard just on of focus.

Most recently White has become involved with electronic instruments, and the programme closed with new pieces by Mason and White for an array of keyboards, sequencers and computers. Mason's *Poronophonic X* was essentially lively, jokey and a little too long, whereas White's *Cathagranic Trip* reasserted the long-standing virtues of his music—it was cool, elegant and economical, with not a note too many.

## Stanley Jordan/Shaw

Kevin Henriques

Stanley Jordan is the new workman of the electric guitar (as at 26 he is too old to be a *wunderkind*). His meteoric ride to recognition has come in a little over 18 months. Early in 1984 he was busking on the streets in New York. This year his concerts attract (as one did on Saturday at the Shaw in Euston Rd, N1) full houses in the U.S. and Europe.

The reason is his astonishing virtuoso technique, a two-handed tapping method whereby he uses his left hand for chords and bass lines and plays two or three melodic and harmonic lines by touching or

tapping the strings on the fingerboard with his right hand (at no time does he use a plectrum). This increases considerably the possibilities for contrapuntal improvisation (it is no surprise to learn that at an early age Jordan studied classical piano).

The hammering of the strings against the frets by both hands gives the impression that two guitarists are playing. On his first album, *Magic Touch* (on the Blue Note label) it is stated, for the benefit of listeners, that there is only one guitarist and that there is no overdubbing. Jordan's dextrous, dazzling fingerwork produces textures of

almost orchestral breadth yet he does not embark on fleet excursions solely to show off his prodigiousity. On Saturday, in fact, he seemed more relaxed and at home in ballads such as "My Old Flame" and the tenderly delivered "A Child is Born."

In all the selections it was the co-ordination of Jordan's musical mind with his hands which constantly amazed, illustrated superbly in his lengthy work-out on "Summer-time" into which he weaved, quite naturally and comfortably, the more modern "Sunny."

## Arts Guide

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Oct 25-31

## Exhibitions

## WEST GERMANY

Hildesheim, Römer und Pelizaeus-Museum, Am Steine 1-2, Notet, the exhibition covering *Women in Egypt*. For last stop in Germany, the exhibition will carry 177 pieces, an extra 96. Some 30 objects are on loan from the Egyptian Museum in East Berlin. It is the biggest assembly of Pharaonic Art. Ends Nov.

Ludwigshafen, Wilhelm-Hack-Museum, Berliner Str. 23, "Apocalypse, a principle hope?" To honour local philosopher Ernst Bloch, on the 100th anniversary of his birth, the museum will exhibit 400 illustrations depicting the end of the world, ranging from the middle ages to the 20th century. A theme by Bloch, "Ein Prinzip Hoffnung" is the basis of this show. Among the artists are Dürer, William Blake, Arnulf Rainer, Markus Lüpertz, Joseph Beuys and Enzo Cucchi. Ends Nov 17.

Berlin, Nationalgalerie: Art from 1945 to 1985. With 500 works by 220 artists the Berlin National Museum will display an extensive exhibition of post war art. Ends Jan 12.

## PARIS

Picasso Museum: The 17th century Hotel Salé, sumptuously restored, provides a fitting home for the world's largest collection of Picasso's work. It comprises 200 paintings, 138 sculptures and more than 3000 drawings and engravings, 16 collages and 86 pieces of ceramics. It is completed by Picasso's own collection of paintings by his friends, such as Braque and Matisse, or by

artists he admired, Renoir, Cézanne, Dauterle and Rousseau. Musée Picasso, Hôtel Salé, 5 rue Thorigny, Paris 3e (2712421). Closed on Tuesdays.

Sir Joshua Reynolds: The artist's first exhibition ever in France, organised with the London Royal Academy and British Council's aid. It follows the Gainsborough and Turner exhibition at Grand Palais, from Oct 8 (2815410).

## LONDON

The Barbican Art Gallery: Gwen John—the fullest study we have yet had of the work of the most particular and enigmatic of British artists this century. Overlaid in her own lifetime by brother Augustus, she is now considered, as he foresaw, the greater artist. Ends Nov 3.

The Royal Academy: German Art in the 20th Century—until Dec 2—this is certainly the most important exhibition at the Royal Academy since the Post Impressionist Exhibition. In terms of the practical study of the art of our own time. But it is a partial rather than definitive treatment of its subject, more closely defined as the Expressionist Tradition in modern German Art. The pioneer expressionists—Die Brücke and Der Blaue Reiter—Schmidt-Rottluff, Nolde, Kirchner, Mueller, Macke, Marc and Kandinsky, Beckmann, Dix and Gros are the barones. Beuys, Kiefer and Richter continue in spirit.

## BRUSSELS

Spanish Netherlands 1500-1700: Renaissance and Baroque, Flemish and Spanish painters—Velázquez, Rubens, Murillo, Van Dyck, El Greco.

Palais des Beaux Arts, Ends Dec 22. Goya: Paintings, drawings and etchings from Spanish public and private collections. Musée Royale des Beaux Arts, Ends Dec 22.

Picasso, Miro, Dalí: Palais des Beaux Arts, Ends Dec 22. Tapies, Chillida, López García: three contemporary artists. Musée d'Art Moderne, Ends Dec 22.

Opera costumes from 1850 to the present including Zeffirelli's *Rigoletto*, Rossini's *Traviata* and Karl Ernst Herrmann's *Clemency of Titus*. Musée de Costumes et Dentelle, Until November.

## ITALY

Milan: Palazzo della Triennale: Alta Roma: A celebration of the company's first 75 years with photographs of key figures from its past, with project designs and vintage models. Ends Nov 10.

Florence: Museo di Storia della Scienza: A History of Spectacles. More than a hundred pairs of glasses from the 15th century to the present. In E. Germany. This is the first time the exhibition has been shown publicly. Exhibition also includes engravings by Dürer, Rembrandt and Japanese artists. Ends Jan 11.

Rome: Wessel O'Connor Gallery, via di Ripetta, 22, The Discovery of America: Works by 24 young New York artists. John Wessel and Billy O'Connor opened their new gallery here on Columbus Day, and this is the first of a series of shows of new American art. Ends Nov 8.

Rome: Galleria Carlo Virgilio, via Della Lupa, 10. Thirty-six pen and water-colour sketches by the president of Altalia, Umberto Nardis, showing a reasonable and off-beat talent and an attractive, throw-away style.

The artist admits the ideas came from doodles made during long meetings and developed over the summer holidays (absolutely the only time available for such diversions). (Open afterwards only).

## VIENNA

Art From The Same Art: Lithography from its origins to the present. This exhibition shows the versatility of nearly 200 years of European lithography. Most artists seem to have had a try at drawing or painting "in the stone"—from Goya to Picasso, Delacroix to Chagall, Toulouse-Lautrec to Miro, Munch and Beckmann. The exhibition explains how lithography began, how it is done, and goes a long way to explain its continued fascination for artists. At the Albertina until Dec 8.

## NETHERLANDS

The Hague, Gemeentemuseum. A glimpse behind the scenes of 18th-century opera production, with prints, drawings and scale models illustrating set design, costumes, stage machinery, and the use of gesture to heighten the dramatic action. Ends Nov 10.

## SWITZERLAND

Martigny: Fondation Pierre Gianadda: 250 Eise paintings in the striking modern gallery built over the Roman ruins of the city of Octodurum. Ends Nov 3. (02673 7878).

## SPAIN

Madrid, a retrospective of 200 paintings, waxen and drawings by master

of Cubism Juan Gris (1887-1927) on view by the collections and museums of Europe and the U.S. The exhibition offers for the first time in Spain and Europe a good assembly of Cubist works. Biblioteca Nacional, Sala Plástica, Paseo Recoletos 22. Until end of Dec.

Madrid, a selection of 102 XVIII century paintings including Ribera, Caravaggio, Luca Giordano, Vaccaro, Cavallino, Preti, Caracciolo, Salvatore Rosa, Mico Spadaro, Falco, etc. Ends Dec. Villahermosa, Prado Museum, Until end of Dec.

## NEW YORK

Baruch College Gallery: a collection of 19th-century French drawings and watercolours on loan from the Amsterdam Historical Museum presents a cross-section of the styles and themes of the period, from the veneration of the Napoleonic legend to exotic Orientalism and the Italian picturesque. Ends Nov 8.

Metropolitan Museum of Art: The travelling show India, arrives from Washington with 200 examples of six centuries and numerous flourishing periods of art and craft. Ends Jan 5.

National Academy of Design: Called from the larger Royal Academy exhibit, this view of Edward Lear's profile career covers not only the famous illustrated America and verse but also landscapes and ornithological studies. Ends Nov 3.

## CHICAGO

Art Institute: Chagall & Chisel combines 11 sculptures with more than 80 sculptors' drawings to show the interplay between preparation and ex-

ecution in the work among others of Rodin, Carpeaux and Rybakov. Ends Dec 12.

## WASHINGTON

National Museum of American Art: 35 paintings by Alexander Hogue capture the American Southwest through dustbowl and prairie in highly stylized evocative works from the 1920s in the present. Ends Nov 2.

Elmhurst: The recent allegorical and romantic strain in Italian painting is represented in a show of 48 works, primarily paintings, from 13 artists, including lesser known artists such as Carlo Bertoldi and Patrizia Cangelajo as well as the well known Sandro Banti, Mimmo Paladino and Carlo Maria Marini. Ends Jan 5.

National Gallery: 118 Master Drawings from the fifteenth to nineteenth centuries lent by the Swedish Nationalmuseum include works by Dürer, Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Dyck and Goya. Ends Jan 5.

## TOKYO

Western Contemporary Art in Action: Visual and performance art by nine artists from the U.S., France and Germany. Sogetsu Kaikan. Ends Nov 8.

Contemporary Ceramics: Show of Ben Kaitani's work, who now lives in the U.S. Alaska Green Gallery. Ends Nov 2.

Art of Densetsu on the Silk Road: This exhibition includes replicas of artefacts from the remote Dushanbe caves in Western China. Tokyo Fuji Art Museum, Hachioji, one hour from Tokyo. Ends Nov 24.

## Saleroom/Antony Thorncroft

## Roberts set for £64,800

A good clean set of David Roberts' "The Holy Land," the six volumes published between 1842-49 and containing 241 plates, sold for £64,800 at Christie's yesterday to a British private buyer. The price for one of the most collected illustrated books of the 19th century was near the lower end of the estimate range even though few of the plates are affected by foxing.

The sale of travel and natural history books and atlases totalled £208,050, but was 12 per cent short, mainly because an early 18th century atlas of the Netherlands, and an atlas of Utrecht, were bought in at £7,500 and £3,900 respectively.

Lots that did find buyers were a group of 17th century border maps of Holland by Floris Balthassar, for £9,720, just below forecast, and 96 plates of the peoples of the Ottoman Empire, mid-18th century, bought by Maggs for £5,480. "A brief history of ancient and modern India," with 66 plates, by Biggan, Daniell and others, early 19th century, sold for £6,260, and three volumes of Roberts' "Holy Land," with 120 views, sold for £5,616.

An ivory chess set, known as the "Beasts of Berne," with all the pieces depicting bears, sold for £7,344 at Christie's. It was made in the mid-19th century. An enamelled diamond set presentation snuff box, with the initials of Tsar Nicholas II, sold

for £5,480 and a similar box made the same way, sold for £5,480. There was one surprise at Sotheby's routine auction of Old Master paintings, which totalled £668,538, with 19 per cent bought in. "A still life of flowers in a glass vase on a marble ledge" sold for £50,000 to a continental buyer as against an £8,000-£10,000 estimate.

But this 17th century picture was attractive, tiny (it measures just 7 1/2 inches by 6 1/2 inches), and was painted by a woman, Maria van Oosterwyck. "An Allegory of summer" by Balthasar Besehey was targeted at £13,200 and £11,000, but sold for £12,650 for a "Still life with artichokes, cauliflowers and mushrooms" by Jan Josef Horemans the Younger. A view of Paris by a follower of Canaletto made the same sum. The Tate Gallery, bidding through Leggart, acquired "A turkey and other fowl in a park" by the early 19th century artist Jan Griffier for £5,660.

## French music at St. John's

A series of concerts of French music will be held at St John's Smith Square, from November 13 to 24. The series is organised by the European Cultural Exchanges and is supported by the French Embassy and the European Foundation.



## TECHNOLOGY

## TI Reynolds rings in the era of cheaper jet engines

Tru-Form is a way of making jet engine rings with far less waste of costly alloys, reports Alan Cane

A TECHNIQUE which persuades some of the toughest metal alloys known to behave as if they were modelling clay is the secret behind a TI Reynolds development which promises to cut thousands of pounds off the manufacturing costs of jet engines.

Engine components made using the new process were shown this June at the Paris Air Show to incredulous stares and whistles—from the engineering cognoscenti, at least. The technology director of one of Reynolds' major U.S. competitors hopped on the first plane to Paris to see for himself when word of what the Birmingham-based company had achieved spread through the industry.

To be fair, only someone knowledgeable about engine fabrication could have understood why the experts were so excited. The items on display were simply engine rings—giant nickel- or titanium-based alloy rings up to five feet in diameter and often several inches thick which form the basis of all jet engine construction.

To the trained eye, however, Reynolds' rings were spectacularly different from anything seen before. They were very wide—up to 16 inches, in fact, while conventionally manufactured rings are only a few inches in width. And they had been machined to their final shape with very little waste metal.

Reynolds reckons that its new technique, which it calls Tru-Form, could cut the cost of manufacturing engine rings by between 20 and 30 per cent. The cost of the rings themselves is only a small part of the overall cost of a jet engine—say seven per cent—but a complete engine can cost in excess of £2m so the savings are hardly negligible.

A jet engine is basically a tube which sucks air in at the front, and pushes hot gases out at the rear. Most of the non-rotating parts in the engine, therefore, are essentially ring-like components which are welded together into sub-assemblies.

The metals the rings are constructed from include some of the toughest and costliest alloys known—they are valued at anything from £20,000 to £200,000 a tonne. The individual rings can cost between £2,000 and £3,000 each.

The problem is fabricating rings of adequate width—large axial width, as the engine builders put it—while cutting machining to a minimum. The earliest and simplest way of creating the rings was seamless forging—a hole was punched through a billet of solid metal to form a doughnut-like ring which was then turned crudely to shape on a mill. The finished ring was then machined from solid.

This technique resulted in rings of adequate width but it was massively wasteful in materials. The "buy-to-fly" ratio, the amount of material bought in a stock to the amount ending up in the aeroplane, could be as low as 20:1.

The swarf removed in the machining process can be melted down and used again but only to a limited extent because of contamination by cutting oil and metal oxides turned on the

cut surfaces. By and large, ring fabricators like to start with virgin metal every time.

Cutting a ring from a solid seamless forging was also expensive in machining time and resources.

TI Reynolds took a major step forward in 1977 when it licensed a process—cold form rolling—from General Electric of the US.

This involved rolling flash welded rings between two rollers at very high pressures. Flash welding, itself a sophisticated technique, relies on very high voltages to weld together the ends of a bar of metal bent into a ring. At the pressures used in cold form rolling, even the hardest metals become remarkably ductile and can be forced into an approximation of the final form of the product.

Cold rolled parts are closer to the required finished shape, according to David Cottingham, director of technical development for the TI Rings Business Area, but due to the high forces involved in rolling, pieces of material elongation and sideways movement to be achieved. A nine-month feasibility study, partly supported by the Department of Trade and Industry, confirmed that Howard Jones was on the right track.

A full-scale mill was commissioned in 1984 at TI Reynolds in Birmingham to roll components up to 10 ins in axial width. The company has now invested some £2m in a mill able to roll components up to 16 ins in width.

The advantages of the process are:

● Near net shape (very close to the contour of the finished product) rings of large axial width can be fabricated.

● The thickness can vary between 0.5mm and 38.0mm within a single piece.

● Massive savings in materials

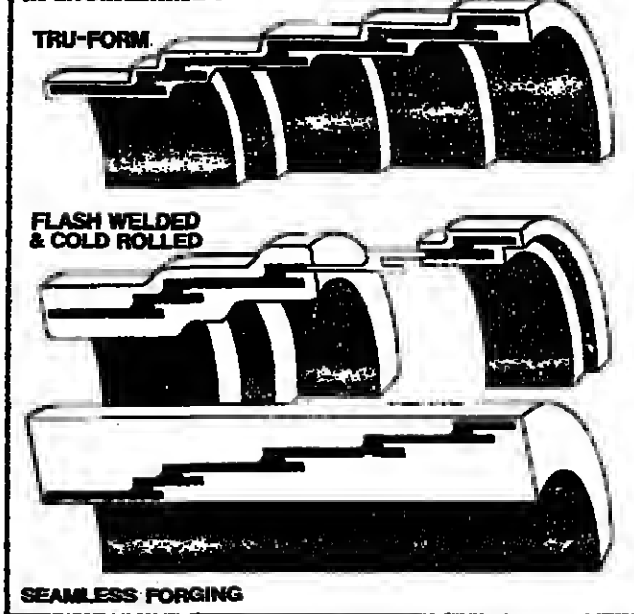
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Why are the rings so complex in shape? The combustion chamber of a modern jet engine may contain gases at a higher temperature than the melting point of the alloy. The chamber walls have a typical cascade-like shape so that air can be admitted at critical points to cool the metal and prevent it from melting away.

According to TI Reynolds, the complex contour of such a part can be followed using Tru-Form technology with only minimal machining around the finished part. All the components used combustion chamber alloys such as Hastelloy-X, Haynes-188 and C-266 can be worked using the Tru-Form process.

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## HOW REYNOLDS BROKE THROUGH IN ENGINEERING FABRICATION



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## BT seek licensees for its inventions

BRITISH TELECOM has set up a licensing office to find commercial uses outside the corporation for technologies developed by its engineers.

In recent months the corporation has expanded the team of people seeking companies interested in its technical ideas, on the basis that licensing deals could provide significant revenue.

Among the techniques which British Telecom thinks could interest outsiders are Clandive, a chip-based system that reproduces the sound of the human voice with great clarity.

British Telecom originally developed the hardware for incorporation in computerised telephone exchanges. With Clandive, engineers can instruct the exchanges to make prerecorded announcements when subscribers make a call, for instance to advise of changed numbers or when lines are busy.

BT thinks Clandive could also be used in alarm and message systems in buildings, public address paging such as train announcements and operating instructions for machine tools or other types of automated instrumentation.

Other technologies in a portfolio of ideas that the corporation is attempting to see taken up in private industry include:

● A hand-held machine for "rodding"—the process of connecting access chambers in underground piping by pushing through a rod or other device. This is normally done manually by pushing a two-metre flexible rod through the pipework. One end of it can then be fixed to a cable to thread it from one chamber to another.

BT's new device is an electrically-driven mechanism that pushes a continuous rod made of glass-fibre wound on a reel, rather like fishing tackle. It can be used to connect access points

separated by relatively large distances.

● Headset protectors. Regular users of headsets can suffer bearing damage from sudden noises or acoustic cracks. This is a problem for radio operators in industry. It has caused many difficulties for people engaged in surreptitious security work, for instance operators at the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham who have to listen for long periods to Soviet communications traffic picked up by intelligence-gathering satellites.

British Telecom's protector can be built into headsets to screen out sudden loud noises. The system constantly monitors the input signal and when this rises above a threshold the louder sections of the signal are reduced in amplitude.

● Load transporter. One item in the British Telecom portfolio, presumably dating from the days when the corporation was part of the Post Office, is a trolley for transporting mail and other goods. The trolley is ingeniously designed so it can be converted from a two-wheeler like a market porter's barrow to a table on four wheels that can be used for moving heavy items.

The 26kg trolley can carry up to 45 kg and could be used, British Telecom suggests, for transporting items such as computers, medical apparatus and TV sets.

● A device called PICNIC for telling subscribers of changed numbers. The system, developed by British Telecom, automatically intercepts calls to numbers which have been changed. It scans a database of changed telephone numbers and gives out the new set of digits using voice-synthesis techniques. Picnic is due to replace the cumbersome process usual in Britain where a telephone operator intercepts the call.

PETER MARSH

## Combined approach to offshore problems

A TECHNOLOGY club of UK academic groups is joining forces with industrialists to work on technical problems in offshore work.

Marine North West, as the consortium is called, brings together departments at the universities of Liverpool, Manchester, Salford, the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and University College of North Wales in Bangor.

About 40 companies, including oil concerns and offshore operators, are participating in the group's research activities. Each company pays an annual membership fee of £250 to join. The club conducts a research programme costing about £1.5m a year, with cash from the Science and Engineering Research Council and the companies themselves.

Research areas include decommissioning of old offshore structures such as oil and gas platforms and studies into the impact of waves on platforms anchored to the seabed.

Other studies due to be started include work on new structural materials, corrosion and fouling, development of new fibre-optic sensors for offshore work and the decommissioning of unwanted North Sea pipelines.

## Accounting software that talks

BLIND AND partially sighted people may find it easier to work in certain jobs now Davy Computing of Sheffield has begun selling Audioloc, a calculation and accounting software package which speaks to its user.

The package is the result of collaboration between Davy and Sheffield City Polytechnic, where initial development work was done by Philip Jennings as a final year undergraduate project in computer studies.

Audioloc is a talking spreadsheet which confirms each step its user takes verbally through a voice box. It can work out budgets, cash flow forecasts, pricing and invoicing.

To help partially sighted people, the characters displayed on the computer screen are double normal height and the voice box can read back from the screen at any stage in the programme.

The system is available only on BBC Micro, but Davy is developing a version compatible with the IBM PC.

More from Davy Computing on Sheffield (0742) 71201.

## Optical disk system

A NEW, small-sized optical data recording system currently being distributed in evaluation quantities in the U.S. is to be marketed in the UK by Magstore of Erith, Kent.

The 5.25 inch diameter drive has been brought to the production stage by Optotech of Colorado Springs which was founded in 1984. It has completed development of the system in less than a year.

Although the disk is non-erasable, it is updatable in that linked lists of data can be created.

Made in volume the disks are expected to cost about \$25 and will hold over 400 megabytes (millions of characters) of information. A megabyte is equivalent to about 30 pages of the Financial Times.

The disk is housed in a plastic cartridge that can be removed from the drive, protecting it from damage and assuring good reliability.

Optotech believes the future for optical recording lies in small diameter disks, giving compact drives for use with small computers. Rothchild Consultants of San Francisco, which has been following this market, predicts that by 1990, 90 per cent of the 8.8m installed base of optical data recorders will consist of 5.25 inch drives. Most other offerings so far have been in the 10 to 12 inch range, aimed at large scale, mainly archival systems.

Rothchild also believes that 40 per cent of the data currently on magnetic media will end up on optical disks.

In non-erasable optical recording, a very small laser beam makes tiny burn marks on the disk surface, reducing reflectivity at those points and allowing digital data to be recorded in the form of binary, on-off signals. On playback, another laser illuminates the marks, which are read by a light-sensitive device.

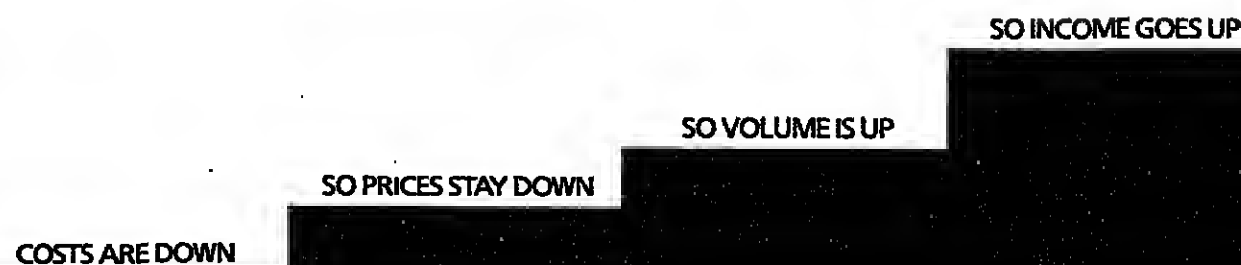
The company is calling the new system a WORM (write once read mostly) drive. It believes an important application will be where non-erasability is desirable, for example, in financial recording where an audit trail is needed, and in legal documents.

Other applications foreseen by Optotech include small business filing, data bases, computer-aided design image storage, medical and legal records, cheque image storage, electronic publishing and software distribution.

Optotech intends to follow the 5.25 inch drive with even smaller devices, aiming at the portable computer market. A higher capacity 5.25 inch drive is also under development. For the longer-term, it will continue to research erasable media, since, by 1990, 65 per cent of the installed base of optical drives will be erasable according to Rothchild.

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REAL UNIT COSTS REDUCTION		
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		7.2%

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REAL LETTER PRICES 1983/84-1985/86			
INDEX OF FALL IN REAL PRICES (TAKING ACCOUNT OF ALL WEIGHT STEPS)			
(BASE YEAR) 1983/84	1ST CLASS	2ND CLASS	OVERALL
1984/85	100	100	100
1985/86 (estimated)	98.6	97.3	98.0
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1982/83 ( )	100.0	-0.8	
1983/84 ( )	102.8	+2.8	
1984/85 ( )	105.6	+2.7	
1985/86 ( )	116.1	+4.3	
	116.9	+6.2	

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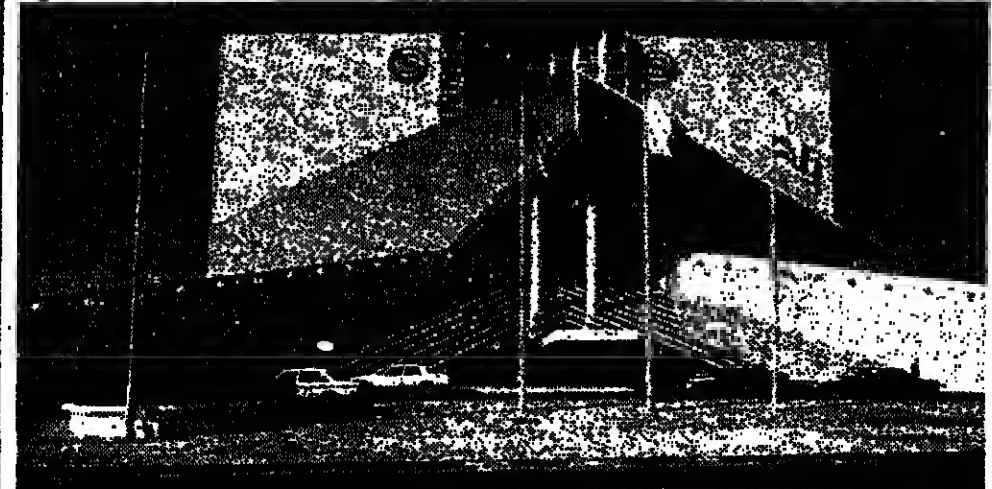
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## Deciding on a Channel link

NOW IT is up to the British and French governments. Over the next two or three months they will be slogging their way through the mass of documents submitted by the rival consortiums which are competing for the right to build a fixed link across the Channel. Early next year, a decision will be made about whether a link should be built, and if so by whom.

The tide now seems to be running strongly in favour of some form of link being approved, and there are good reasons why this should be so. In political terms, the prospect of what could turn out to be the biggest construction project in Europe this century comes as an exciting vision, lighting up what for both governments is an otherwise drab landscape. The timing could hardly be better in terms of the election cycle—with the initial approval coming in time for the French parliamentary elections next spring, and construction getting under way at a moment when a General Election campaign would be coming to life in the UK.

In economic terms, this appears to be exactly the kind of infrastructure project which is badly needed at a time of high unemployment in both countries. The preliminary proposals are to be believed, a Channel link promises economic returns that are sufficiently attractive for it to be self-financing by the private sector, without resort to government guarantees. And a substantial number of jobs will be created during the construction period—with up to 75,000 people being employed at peak periods.

## Traffic volume

Moreover such a link would reflect and reinforce the changes in economic patterns which have occurred since Britain joined the European Community. Traffic volumes across the Channel have doubled, and could double again by the end of the century. Three-fifths of all UK exports and imports are now directed to or from other countries in the Community. The Channel link will play a significant part in improving the movement of trade in Europe, thereby helping to create a larger and more healthy market place, and also represent a tangible symbol

of constructive partnership between the French and British governments, which would be in welcome contrast to the sometimes strained relationships of past years.

Of course there are risks in a project of this scale. But all the main players argue that their designs are well within the limits of proven technology. They can point to a number of other enormous construction projects which have been successfully brought to fruition by the private sector, with the North Sea oil fields being obvious examples. And the consortia are made up of the best of blue chip commercial and financial companies, which presumably have been convinced the job can be done.

Yet there is just a danger that the two governments might be swept away by all this enthusiasm. They will have to weigh up a number of broad issues which are at least as important as the prospects for the link itself. These include the possible impact on the regions of both countries, and on their environment, as well as the hidden infrastructure costs. The implications for existing and future road and rail networks will have to be carefully considered.

The financial projections which have now been submitted will also need to be tested, and some of them tested again. Some of them may be over-optimistic and it is worth noting that investors in the City of London are by no means wild with enthusiasm about what they have been told so far. The Prime Minister may favour the Eurotunnel proposals for their scale and glamour (the idea of a link across the Channel but the preference in the City seems to be for the cheaper Channel Tunnel plans. At least there are consequences of a financial disaster would inevitably have political repercussions, and the dangers need to be carefully assessed.

The two governments which are poised to make this major decision will not be aware of the consequences. But if ever there was a case where short-term gains have to be weighed against long-term risks, this is it. Their thinking needs to be positive, but not euphoric.

## An Italian crisis that never was

SIG BETTINO CRAXI is reversing the procedure of the Grand Duke of York, who marched his troops to the top of the hill and marched them down again. The Italian Prime Minister is marching his men back to the office of a government which seemed to be doomed when he offered his resignation two weeks ago.

On the face of it the crisis that (almost) never was has been no less fatuous than the Duke's tactics in 1809. Providing there is no last-minute deal, President Francesco Cossiga will today accept Sig Craxi's withdrawal of his resignation and the parliament will give its blessing next week. There will be no changes of policy and no ministerial shuffle.

Yet something will have changed. An interesting light has been shed on Italian-U.S. relations and upon European-American relations in general. And the inherent instability of the Craxi government has been shown up even though, after two years and two months in office, it now looks certain to become the longest-lasting government of the Italian Republic.

The reversal in Sig Craxi's fortunes goes back to an almost fulsome letter from President Reagan designed to soothe Italian tempers in the aftermath of the seizure by Palestinian terrorists of the liner Achille Lauro. Sig Craxi, scolded the escape of one Abbas, the man involved, Mr. Abu Abbas, who had been aboard the U.S. Egyptian aircraft that U.S. fighters diverted to Italy.

Washington was furious, but the circumstances of the case were such that President Reagan felt constrained to seek a reconciliation. However, the Italian Defence Minister, whose purposes may have been served by the realisation in Washington that the European allies ought to be handled with kid gloves.

But President Reagan's letter did something more. It cut the ground from under the feet of the Sicilian Spadolini, the Italian Defence Minister, whose preferred resignation had threatened to bring down the Craxi cabinet. Sig Spadolini believed that the Prime Minister had been too soft with the Palestinians.

A face-saving formula has now been found to mollify Sig Spadolini, who, as leader of the Republican Party, has been a pivotal role in Italian politics. Without an alliance based on the Christian and Socialist-Christian Democratic alignment would not command an adequate majority in parliament. Even the animosity between him and Sig Craxi, the coalition, therefore, looks brittle. Differences about the attitude to be taken towards the Palestinians have been swept under the carpet, not buried.

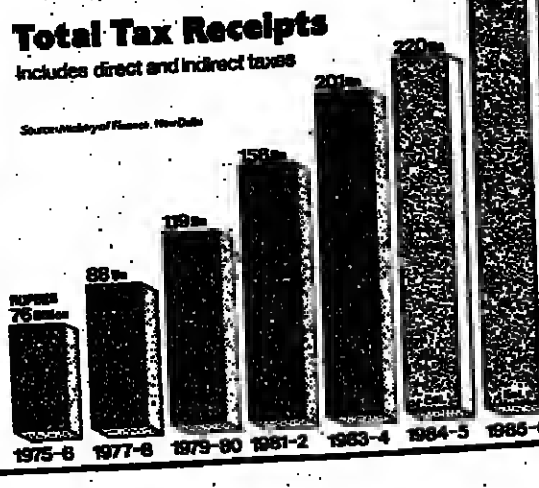
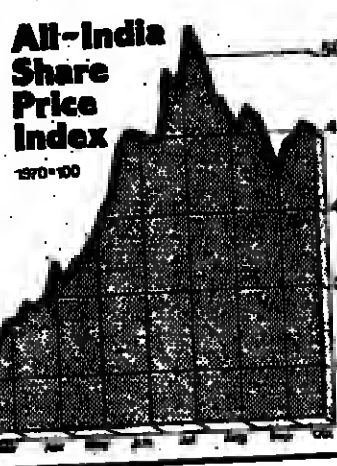
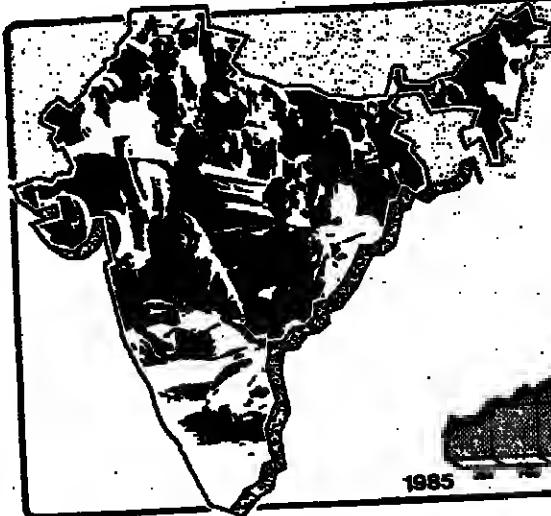
## Harmony

Events might have taken another turn if the Christian Democrats, the largest party in Italy, had felt ready for an election soon. The party is engaged in a painful process of reorganisation and rejuvenation which may come to a head in a party conference next spring. In the present phase the Christian Democrats would rather carry on with Sig Craxi than risk upheavals in Rome that could easily lead to a new election.

Once the party has overcome its internal difficulties it may well be less willing to serve under prime ministers from smaller parties, such as Sig Craxi or Sig Spadolini.

In spite of such obvious flaws, the events of the past two weeks suggest that the present coalition should hold together for the time being—always provided that it does not run into another unpredictable storm from outside. One must hope in the interests of Italy that another such crisis, fatuous or not, can be avoided. The government faces the Herculean task of setting to rights the national finances, a matter upon which a degree of harmony has been achieved between the coalition parties.

The Craxi Government has shown its readiness, however cautious, to tackle the financial and economic problems confronting Italy. Communist opposition to modifying the inflationary system of wage indexation has been defeated in the referendum, though the precise nature of the reforms to come is as yet uncertain. A finance Bill intended to restrain the budget deficits has been drawn up. With the distractions of the Achille Lauro affair out of the way, the parliament can now get on with it. All going well, the rebirth of Sig Craxi may have helped to clear the air at an important moment.



Rajiv Gandhi

## One year on, Rajiv's India is still edging forward

By John Elliott, South Asia Correspondent, in New Delhi

authority and won a landslide general election victory for the Congress Party at the end of December, mainly relying on his mother's memory. But she is rarely mentioned now and last month her name was used to keep out of the spotlight in the Punjab following Mr. Gandhi's peace settlement with the Sikhs.

In addition to the Punjab settlement, Mr. Gandhi has also produced a potential solution for civil unrest in the north-eastern states of Assam, by trying to help solve Sri Lanka's ethnic troubles, and will probably soon tackle potential trouble in the northern state of Kashmir. Mr. Gandhi believes, and has inspired Indians of all ages and classes to believe, that such problems can be solved in a straightforward manner. He believes in positive political decision-making and has also attacked rampant corruption and bureaucratic inefficiency, although progress on this will be slow.

Even opposition politicians are sometimes complimentary. Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, president of the Bharatiya Janata Party and a former foreign minister, says: "He has made a good beginning. India is moving. As opposed to Mrs. Gandhi he is good."

The whole mood of the economy has changed, even though some businessmen are complaining about increased competition especially in the first half of the year. In five years' time you'll be the end," says Mr. Jha.

Mr. Gandhi inherited an economy strong for the moment, but with declining inflation, a satisfactory balance of payments and a series of industrial reforms which had been started by his mother. But there is an urgent need to boost exports, in which India's debt repayments under the new terms of the record of technological development as "pathetic and rubbishy".

On taking office he called for a "new work ethic" with

"results, not procedure-oriented government". Such targets will take many years to achieve because India is still in many ways an inefficient and corrupt country. Many of its people prefer to dodge decisions than to take a lead, and many continue to operate the rigid and debilitating divisions of the country's old caste system.

"I doubt whether most of the middle class really want to achieve anything. Their motivation is towards getting an advance ticket out of the country so that they can bring some consumer goods back," says one jaundiced foreign businessman. "They are a society of boarders, not investors. The Indian

ment is expert at negotiating the tightest prices and terms. Lloyds Bank is reducing its presence in the country because of high operating costs with low returns. "We have to wait and see whether there is an acceptance that foreign businesses should make any money here. It's not accepted at present. These guys think we owe it to them," says one battle-worn businessman.

Nevertheless, almost every company of any size in India is planning new investments, many with foreign technical or financial partners. The Finance Ministry says this has led to a 20% increase in the 25 de-licensed industries. The

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry estimates that 13 of the largest Indian companies are planning investments totalling Rs 60bn, a very large figure for India.

The total number of technical and equity foreign collaborations approved by the Government jumped by 33% in the first half of last year to 440. But the surge in investment and in stock exchange activity—which is generating approaching Rs 30bn of new capital—has not yet shown up in official growth statistics.

Industrial growth is running at under 6 per cent compared with 7.7 per cent for the same period last year. The Government has also worried that there has been little if any apparent growth in direct manufacturing employment, which is only about 40m people, or 15 per cent of the country's total workforce.

Concern about growing unemployment if India's many loss-making (or so-called) companies are allowed to die is sparking a major debate at a time when

Mr. Gandhi's policies are meeting some criticism from people who prefer old style protection. This has delayed a new policy to deal with sick industries; meanwhile political pressure is increasing for import barriers to be maintained.

A normal monsoon means that this year's rice and wheat crops will be satisfactory. This might help to keep inflation on the Government's target of under 7 per cent for wholesale prices.

Tax reforms, which will be developed shortly into a long-term fiscal policy, have yielded sharply increasing tax revenues, which the Finance Ministry expects to exceed preliminary estimates of Rs 200bn by up to 20 per cent. This will help to keep the budgetary deficit within a forecast record Rs 45,000m in 1985-86. Last year the outturn deficit was double the budgeted level.

But overall, economic development is being slowed down by a lack of domestic and foreign resources at a time when international capital is shown up in the country's new five-year plan which, however, maintains a conservative approach.

This is one element of Indian economic policy which has not changed under Rajiv. "The more we see what's happening to countries which have got into the debt trap, the more we're worried about going into 'debt' ourselves," says Mr. S. Venkatarman, the Finance Secretary.

Appalling electric power and communications problems also continue to slow down industrial development. "Industry should invest and insist that power is supplied, that railways run and that telephones should not just be a few lines of furniture and also run and carry a message," says Mr. Abid Hussain, a distinguished civil servant and member of the Planning Commission.

And, whatever the economic progress, there are deep social and political problems to be tackled. Increased economic wealth and consumption for the 100m to 200m best-off part of the population itself creates tensions. As growing social problems in the recent states of Punjab and Gujarat have shown, it is those who have made some economic gains but still feel left behind who cause most unrest. The 37 per cent of the population estimated to be below the poverty line is more quiescent.

But Mr. Gandhi's success in producing political settlements for states such as Punjab and Assam will itself create some problems, because he has had to give increased power to regional parties which are basically opposed to Congress. This reflects a growing tendency towards regionalism in India which needs careful political management.

Internationally, Mr. Gandhi has to decide how to handle India's delicate relations with Pakistan. Border clashes between the two countries have increased in recent months and Mr. Gandhi has said India will have to reconsider its nuclear policy if it is proved, as he believes, that Pakistan has, or is on the brink of having, a nuclear bomb.

Internal security is also bound to remain a problem after a period of such traumatic sectarian and political violence. Mr. Gandhi and other leaders travel in tight motor convoys packed with sten-gun toting guards along roads which are in advance. Today Mr. Gandhi will address his mother's memorial meeting in Delhi half hidden behind an ugly bullet-proof screen. His house is guarded like a fortress and security forces exert over-policing authority on all public occasions.

But Mr. Gandhi, now 41, shrugs off these problems. He looks forward, not backwards, and talks about completing the transformation of India from a "stagnant colonial economy" beset with age-old poverty and a feudal social structure, into a "dynamic modern economy".

A distinguished European politician who met him recently commented: "He has a very shrewd judgement on current public affairs but he has great powers of ignorance about what happened before he moved from his airline into politics."

Perhaps a deep knowledge of history is not essential for an Indian statesman. Mr. Gandhi has been in his first year in office in a more determined and straightforward way than would have been likely for someone bogged down in India's more debilitating political traditions.

## THE ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
GNP growth	+7.4%	+3.5%	+4.5%
Wholesale prices	+8.0%	+2.6%	+6.5%

\* Estimates

## Sweet seat for Shaw

No one could accuse Tate and Lyle's new chairman of sugary sweetness. Neil Shaw, who takes over from Sir Robert Haslam in March next year, is a hard-nosed Canadian who built his reputation at Tate's Canadian subsidiary, Redpath.

From across the industries, Shaw watched with mounting despair as Tate made one strategic blunder after another during the 1970s. In 1980, the family-run sugar business effectively conceded defeat and invited Shaw over to sort out the mess. He accepted, and as group managing director, he spent the past five years running the cost-cutting and giving Tate a new sense of purpose.

Not that Shaw fits every stereotype of the tough North American manager. He admittedly looks the part—tall, sailing and regular work-outs in the basement of his London home. But the 56-year-old house in town and he was one of the first British executives to adopt an incentive-related pay package on the U.S. model. His earnings were a touch short of £200,000 last year and he

has recently exercised an option to buy his Kensington home from the company. But, while Shaw is clearly a man who knows his own mind, he is surprisingly soft-spoken and diffident in conversation.

The partnership with Haslam, who is at the National Coal Board, is reckoned to have worked well, although the pair suffered a serious setback just over a year ago when Unilever crushed Tate's takeover bid for Brooke Bond.

Shaw, now, has other things on his mind, not least his involvement with the Lloyd's insurance market. Along with 171 other members of syndicate No. 885, Shaw is suing for the recovery of losses. "It has, he says, with characteristic understatement, "cost me some money."

## Men and Matters

the Labour shadow chancellor, Mr. Hattersley?

Hattersley had a deplorable plan to force institutions to repatriate their overseas assets, a beaming Chancellor reminded his audience.

## Trail of woe

Bad luck continues to dog Spain's microchip manufacturing project due to be set up by American Telephone and Telegraph at Colmenar Viejo, north of Madrid.

First, the U.S. Government had everything up for a year until it was satisfied that Spain would not be re-exporting leading-edge technology to the wrong people.

Then on the very day in August that the £140m venture was given the go-ahead, celebrations were cut short by the death of a bullfighter in Colmenar's bullring.

Now an unexpected hitch has arisen over the factory site. Through the middle of the tract of land, it has been discovered, there runs a historic right of passage for sheep.

The land straddles a traditional sheep-driving trail from summer to winter pastures. Like most of these trails—one of which runs, in theory at least, down the tree-lined Paseo de la Castellana, Madrid's central thoroughfare—it has long since fallen into disuse. But in law, the right of way can still be claimed.

"It could cause legal problems," admitted Francisco Gil, manager of the Madrid region's new industrial zones. But he seemed more worried yesterday about sorting out the four different administrative departments involved in providing support for the project.

## Finnish line

Mohamed Al-Fayed, one of the Egyptian brothers who own the Ritz, Harrods, and a block of property in London's Park Lane, has been less successful in finding a place in Helsinki's "West End".

With his Finnish-born wife, a former beauty queen, Al-Fayed paid close to £1m for a seaside estate about 10 kilometres from Helsinki city centre. He planned to build a luxury villa there with elaborate security arrangements to protect his privacy.

But neighbours, including the governor of the Bank of Finland, were not too happy about the plans—and the local Press began to show an interest. Press began to show an interest. Press began to show an interest.

Al-Fayed decided things had gone far enough, and cancelled the whole project. Now the neighbours are enjoying views across a huge well-fenced and carefully-manicured lawn.

## Fairy land

The Inland Revenue is sometimes prone to flights of fancy where farming profits are concerned.

But an assessment sent to a reader of the Farmers Weekly takes some beating. More than 10 years ago the man retired from dairy farming. Since then, in spite of repeated annual income assessments for his non-existent dairy business.

This year the taxman switched tactics and deemed that a national £3,000 profit assessment has come from "fairy" farming.

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## REAGAN HOPES TO FIELD 'COUNTER-PROPOSAL' ON N-WEAPONS

# U.S. pursues arms initiative

BY ROBERT MAUTHNER, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, IN LONDON

PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan yesterday disclosed that the U.S. was studying a "counter-proposal" on nuclear arms reductions which he hoped could be put to the Soviet Union before his summit meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, in Geneva on November 19.

Mr Reagan, who was answering questions in a BBC radio interview, refused to say himself down on the timing of his Administration's reply to Mr Gorbachev's most recent offer to halve strategic nuclear missiles. The U.S. would "strive" to table its proposals before the summit, but it might also be tabled shortly afterwards at the Geneva arms control negotiations.

The U.S. President, who has been under pressure from his European allies to improve his country's nuclear disarmament image, also repeated his much-publicised offer to share U.S. Star Wars technology with the rest of the world, including the Soviet Union.

"What would be easier than the two

have the great arsenal, both of us set there with defensive weapons that ensured our safety against the nuclear weapons and both of us eliminated arms?" Mr Reagan said.

The kind of agreement that could be made in such an event would have to be discussed at the forthcoming U.S.-Soviet summit and would have to include mutual reductions of offensive weapons. "In other words, we would switch to defence, instead of offence."

"We would all be protected in case some madman some day along the line secretly sets out to produce some (nuclear weapons) with the idea of blackmailing the world and the world wouldn't be blackmailed because we would all be sitting here with that defence," the President said.

Mr Reagan was at pains to dispel the impression that has been gaining ground both in Western and Eastern Europe, that he is trying to downgrade the problem of nuclear arms control on the agenda of the Geneva summit meeting, in favour



Mr Ronald Reagan

of other issues such as regional conflicts and human rights.

Although he gave an assurance to his questioner that that was not his intention, the President's replies on the subject were not entirely convincing.

Arms control was vitally important, he said, but it was the result and not the cause of an improvement in relations with the Soviet

Union. The first thing to be done was to eliminate some of the paranoia and hostility which governed relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

"Nations aren't suspicious of each other because of their arms, they are armed because they are suspicious," Mr Reagan said.

The U.S. President will be interviewed today by four representatives of the Soviet press, the first time that has happened since the late President John Kennedy was interviewed by the editor of Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper, in 1961.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said that would be a unique opportunity for the President to communicate directly with the Soviet people.

The White House also announced that President Reagan would report on his summit meeting with Mr Gorbachev to a joint session of Congress on November 21 and, on the same day, would make a stop-over in Brussels to brief the U.S.'s European allies.

## Alsthom presses unions on shipyard scheme

By Paul Betts in Paris

ALSTHOM, the diversified French engineering group majority-owned by the nationalised Compagnie Générale d'Electricité, is pressing its labour unions to agree to a restructuring of its shipbuilding activities in western France.

The group has decided to regroup all management, sales and research activities at its St Nazaire yard and is concentrating military shipbuilding activities at the smaller yard of Nantes, about 50 miles away. The company believes that Nantes is not equipped to respond to the civil shipbuilding business.

The trade unions have so far violently objected to the company's proposals and have claimed that Alsthom was envisaging closing Nantes. Under the company's restructuring plan, Nantes's workforce will be reduced from 1,500 to 700 people of whom 150 will be transferred to St Nazaire. But St Nazaire, which employs 5,500 people, is also undergoing job restructuring.

The military business is particularly depressed because it relies exclusively on foreign orders. Since 1948, the French navy has not ordered a vessel from a civil yard but from military yards. Nantes, which specialises in submarines, has been seeking export orders but has failed to win a single submarine order in the last two years.

The latest restructuring programme at Alsthom's shipbuilding sector coincides with the publication of the Alsthom parent company's half-year earnings, showing net profits of FF 128.9m (\$15.7m) compared with earnings of FF 115.5m in the first six months of last year.

Despite the restructuring in shipbuilding, Alsthom said yesterday it expected to report higher consolidated group earnings this year than the FF 490m group earnings of 1984.

In an effort to win union support for its restructuring programme, Mr Jean Pierre Desreumaux, Alsthom's chairman, met trade union representatives in Paris yesterday.

## THE LEX COLUMN

# Making big money from money

Money broking is a strange sort of business. When Mercantile House relieved the shareholders of Charles Fulton of their investment for £5.5m in March 1982, it was held to be doing them a favour. Fulton was on the brink of collapse. Half a dozen management buyouts later, Fulton is coming to the stock market with the rather grand new name International City Holdings. And, whereas the old Fulton was worth next to nothing, the new ICH is valued at £27.4m.

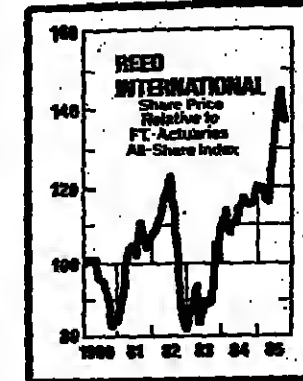
The new ICH management has admittedly produced results to support this remarkable valuation. Ignoring the acquisition of Mabon, Nugent-Godsell, which contributed the bulk of profits growth this year and last, the old Fulton interests have roughly doubled their profits in five years. So a historic earnings multiple of 7.5 times on the actual tax charge, may not be too demanding - even for a company which sports net tangible liabilities of around £2m.

The early indications are that the offer will be fully subscribed and, in a market as frothy as the present one, it would not be surprising to see a bid for the ICH. The ICH valuation is not out of line with the price paid for R.P. Martin earlier this year and, so far as comparisons can be made, looks roughly consistent with the multiples applied to the money broking businesses of Exco, Mercantile and Mills & Allen.

But the offer does look premature. The Fulton companies have only recently been re-integrated, the North American operations have been with the group less than two years and the Far Eastern connection, which promises much of the growth in the late 1980s, has not been cemented. ICH's European expertise is deposit broking, a market to which London commissions are about to be deregulated, and only optimists believe it will make money from day one as an inter-dealer broker in the gilt-edged market. In a year or two, ICH might have presented a much more solid case.

### Reed Intl.

Once you start to pick away at the industrial logic of a conglomerate structure it is hard to know when to stop. Within the scaled-down and rebalanced Reed, where the centre of the business has shifted from paper firms towards publishing in the U.S., such strange bedfellows as paint and packaging



cannot avoid the look of being marked down for eventual disposal.

Yesterday's results for the six months to September may strengthen the management's case for keeping the shape of the group roughly the way it is. In a pre-tax total up 13 per cent to £51.1m, an unexpectedly strong contribution from packaging served to offset some disappointment from the U.S. publishing, where volumes in several titles were below forecast and in some cases actually lower than last year. There is evidently quite a lot to be said for reaping the benefits of hard work done over several years on some of Reed's mature activities; if nothing else, packaging and paint can certainly spin off cash to fund further publishing acquisitions.

For the present, that seems likely to prove a popular enough strategy. So far this year, Reed's disposals have outweighed its purchases by some £20m; even after writing off £70m of accounting goodwill, Reed's balance sheet should be no more highly geared at the end of the year than it was last March, and the critical indicator of Reed's financial state - interest cover - has been improving sharply. Assuming that Reed makes just short of £25m this year, it is still valued on a very modest market multiple, not very much more than a year ago. All were previously chief executives of their respective groups and are now to combine that function with the role of chairman. Many of Britain's best managed companies operate with a chairman/CEO - Sir Owen Green has taken the chairman's seat at BTR - but there are strong arguments for retaining a division between the two. The chairman's job is, among other things, to fire an inadequate chief executive. While all these individuals are currently doing an excellent job, it is hard to imagine that they would ever fire themselves.

a write-down of \$423m in the third quarter. Since paying \$345m for Mostek in 1980 UT has invested another \$600m.

The fact that Thomson is prepared to buy some or all of Mostek must say more about its state backing than about any disagreement on the prospects for semiconductors.

Both Thomson and UT have had to absorb large losses during the current trough. The difference is that the French Government is determined to have a national producer of semiconductors; and Thomson realises that to be profitable, as well, it must move into the top 15 or so world producers.

Without Mostek, Thomson's

share of the world market is just over 1 per cent. Its target is 3 per cent by 1990, a figure that should give it enough economies of scale to take on the largest U.S. and Japanese manufacturers.

If it were to absorb Mostek on current sales, its combined share would immediately double to well over 2 per cent and it would gain a manufacturing base in the U.S., where it is weak. But with Mostek making such heavy losses, even Thomson may be reluctant to go for market share at all costs. More sensible, perhaps, to spend time and money on preparing the Mostek plant and equipment for the long-awaited upturn.

Chairmen

Mr Ian MacGregor, the U.S. chairman of Britain's National Coal Board, seems to have started quite a trend. North American chairmen are popping up all over the place - Dick Giordano at BOC and Alan Woltz at LIG (the LRC) are two recent appointments - and yesterday it was announced that Mr Neil Shaw would join their ranks at Tate & Lyle.

### Thomson/Mostek

If Thomson, the French electronics group, does end up buying Mostek from United Technologies it should be able to name the price - and it will not be high. Mostek lost \$32m in the first nine months of this year, forcing its parent to take

## Channel group seeks £8bn in backing

By Andrew Taylor in London

PLANS to raise £8bn, comprising £5bn (\$8.6bn) in development loans and £3bn in equity from international banks and financial institutions were announced yesterday by EuroRoute, one of four groups bidding to build a fixed link across the Channel between England and France.

About a dozen banks, from West Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Japan and the U.S., have said they would be prepared to act as lead managers for £4bn of development loans that EuroRoute intends to raise outside Britain and France. Each bank is provisionally committed to contributing at least £100m of its own money.

Bank loans of £2bn will be raised in Britain and France, where Barclays, Banque Paribas and Societe Generale, founding shareholders of EuroRoute, have provisionally agreed to provide £200m each.

The consortium, representing more than a dozen leading British and French companies, nationalised industries and banks, is proposing a road and rail link involving a combination of bridges and tunnels connected by artificial islands. So far, funding negotiations affect only the road scheme. Separate negotiations on the rail scheme, costing £1.3bn, will start once agreements have been reached with British Rail and its French counterpart, SNCF.

EuroRoute also gave details yesterday of plans to raise £1.2bn in equity to help to pay for the road scheme. It announced that 32 UK institutions, mostly insurance companies, would be investing £12.5m - the largest single investment being more than £1m - immediately the consortium gets the go-ahead.

Details of the equity plan are: Stage 1: £11m invested by the founding shareholders, including GEC, which yesterday confirmed that it had invested £250,000, to cover costs until the British and French governments announce their decision in mid-January. Stage 2: £25m to cover the cost of work while legislation and treaties are negotiated. Of that, £12.5m will come from the 32 UK institutions, £12.5m from the UK founding shareholders and £25m underwritten by the French shareholders.

Stage 3: £1.2bn in equity, two separate sums of £625m will be raised, primarily from the London and Paris stock exchanges. The issue would involve four times as much convertible loan stock as straightforward equity and would also include revenue warrants.

In the final stages of construction, EuroRoute says it may use international bond markets to raise funds.

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## Japan to face more pressure over imports, says Yeutter

BY STEWART FLEMING IN WASHINGTON

THE U.S. is stepping up the pressure on Japan to open its markets to foreign imports, according to Dr Clayton Yeutter, the U.S. Trade Representative.

"We are pressing Japan very hard, harder than most people realise," Dr Yeutter told reporters in Washington. He added that the Administration was sympathetic to the idea that Japan should set quantitative import targets.

His remarks came as Mr Leon Brittan, the UK Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during a visit to Washington that he sensed support within the Reagan Administration for the European Common Market move to try to focus Japanese attention on total imports in an effort to correct its trade imbalance.

The EEC is anxious to win U.S. support for that approach and for the U.S. to put less emphasis on the

detailed, sector-by-sector negotiating stance that was introduced this year to secure measurable progress on market-opening initiatives.

Mr Brittan said the U.S. and the EEC, which are anxious to avoid any suggestion that they are "gang-ing up" on Japan, nevertheless faced a broadly similar trade problem with Tokyo. He said that although the EEC was not seeking quantitative import targets from Japan, "it would be reasonable" for the EEC to ask Japan for an estimate of the impact of moves it was making to increase imports "in quantified terms."

According to Dr Yeutter, "both of us have come to the conclusion that we need to encourage Japan to establish import goals."

Commenting on the recent agreement to try to force down the value of the dollar, Dr Yeutter said that he personally would like to see the

U.S. currency fall a further 10 to 15 per cent.

Mr Brittan, asked about the more aggressive U.S. trade policy being pursued by the U.S., particularly the resort to the sweeping Section 301 of the Trade Act, warned that "no vigorous use of that, as opposed to GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) procedures, seems unwise by countries that are rightly proud of their own commitment to free trade."

But he made clear that the UK could not object to the U.S. pursuing legitimate grievances. Dr Yeutter emphasised that the U.S. was being highly selective in the Section 301 cases it was pursuing. He justified the use of Section 301 on the ground that it was necessary while the GATT dispute procedure was inadequate.

Japanese trade surplus soars, Page 4

## Sinclair aims for professional PC market

By Raymond Snoddy in London

SIR CLIVE SINCLAIR, the British home computer entrepreneur with a reputation for bouncing back from adversity, is planning to enter the professional personal computer (PC) market.

While Sir Clive's company Sinclair Research was being reconstructed in September after a severe financial crisis, development was going ahead on a new computer for the business market. Sir Clive said yesterday he hoped to launch a machine for the professional market next year.

The LIME's chief concern is that the ITC should meet the obligations on the 50,000 tonnes of tin at stake in contracts with brokers, which could be worth about £400m. Last night, many traders at the Savoy Hotel to celebrate the annual dinner of the aluminium industry were in sombre mood. Mr Ted Jordan, chairman of the LIME committee, said he was disappointed because

## Tin trading faces two-week halt as ITC adjourns talks

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identify government responsibilities, if any, to the ITC and its debts.

Traders were forecasting last night that tin prices might fall by anything up to £2,000 a tonne below the £6,140 suspension price once trading is resumed. A board and committee meeting is called for today, and may consider keeping tin trading suspended until the ITC reconvenes.

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the LIME had been looking for assurances that debts would be honoured.

Other brokers were stunned by the news of a two-week suspension of buffer stock operations. Some felt it would be impossible to keep tin suspended for another two weeks. "There could be a real panic," said one. They feared that secondary markets in tin would develop, where the price would go into an uncontrolled fall.

Some traders have appealed for intervention from the Government or the Bank of England, for a rescue on the lines of the Johnson Matthey Bankers affair.

However, the Bank of England is unlikely to be sympathetic to the tin market's argument that it deserves help similar to that received

by the bullion market at the time of the Johnson Matthey Bankers crisis last year. Apart from the acute embarrassment which that rescue has caused in Threadneedle Street, the Bank does not consider that tin poses the same threat to banks as gold, which is heavily traded in the inter-bank market.

The Bank is keeping a close eye on developments both in its role as overseer of the commodity markets, and supervisor of banks which have exposure to the metals market.

ITC members now plan two weeks of talks among themselves. First, they are likely to try to find ways of meeting the ITC's debts. Second, they will look at the root cause of the problem - the oversupply of tin on the world market.

## UK fails to win SDI guarantee



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## How people show their real working strengths

BY MICHAEL DIXON

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## ARE YOU in the right job?

I am sad to say that Arthur Miller would lay strong odds against it on the basis of his studies of some 10,000 executives and other workers over the past quarter century. But either way he believes that his work, first as a company personnel chief and then as head of the American consultancy People Management, has produced a method of settling the question.

He says there is an acid test of whether any kind of job really suits the people in it. They must not only be competent at most if not all of the things the job requires them to do, but also find deep satisfaction in doing them. Only then are they making good use of what he calls their "motivated abilities."

More than about 30 per cent of people are in that happy position, Mr Miller told the Institute of Personnel Management's conference the other day. The other 70 per cent of us are at best employed mainly in using our unmotivated abilities — doing things we can do well but which give us little or no sense of personal achievement. That may be why many of us spend so much time indulging our "motivated abilities" — pipe-dreaming about things we would love to do if only we were capable of them.

Indeed, in his view, most of us have no clear idea of what

our motivated abilities are. We tend to assume without question that the right way to go about making a career is to fit ourselves to jobs supplied ready-made by established employers. The notion of doing it the other way round — finding what we can best do and contriving to make our living by it — seldom occurs.

Mr Miller laid the main blame for the sorry state of affairs he depicted on bureaucratic-style employing organisations, which earned him a good many stony-faced looks from the personnel bureaucrats in his audience.

He charged them with conditioning people to believe that the only important way to be successful in working life is to hop to successively higher perches in some organisational pecking order. Yet it is commonplace for somebody who does well at one level to prove incompetent when elevated to the next, which even if it does not lead to the sack promotes widespread misery.

What made things worse, he said, was that personnel specialists characteristically chose people for appointment or promotion primarily on their academic attainments and length of experience.

"The one thing you know for sure about school and college grades and length of experience is that they don't correlate with success in work that's different

So why do you go on selecting people by them?"

The faces grew still stonier. They switched to expressions of absorbed interest, however, once he got the audience to interview one another in a trial run of the method his consultancy has developed for assessing people's working abilities.

## What happens

If you are the interviewee, you first outline in at most two sentences each of a number of specific things you have done which you remember as satisfying achievements. Whether or not anyone else thought them worthwhile is not important. One of them has to be fairly recent, the second five to 10 years beforehand, and so on back into childhood.

Starting with the earliest, the interviewer then takes each achievement in turn and inquires in fine detail what precisely you did and how. You are not asked why. "We're looking for things people remember for certain, and they often don't know why they did things," Arthur Miller said.

As a rule, his System for Identifying Motivated Abilities requires about half a dozen such achievements to be minutely examined in an interview lasting some two hours, which is tape-recorded. The tape is transcribed and the SIMA consultant analyses the typescript seeking

recurrent clues to the interviewee's fundamental ways of working.

Mr Miller claims that every one of the 10,000 people interviewed so far has provided a clear set of clues. The tell-tale themes always emerge—for example, in the repeated use of phrases such as "I took care of... organised... got people together..." — and need only to be added up to arrive at the person's motivational pattern.

It has five elements, the nub being a particular aim or "thrust" directing all the person's efforts. Examples of typical thrusts are an urge to acquire or possess, to take command, to build, to improve on things, to be best, to gain a response from other people, to win attention, to pass tests, to overcome difficulties, to master or perfect, to pioneer, to serve or help, to shape or influence, and so on.

The second element consists of certain ways of relating to other people. They include working as individualists, joining team efforts, leading teams while remaining involved in the action, directing from afar what is to be done and how, coordinating, coaching, and managing others' talents to get results.

Thirdly each person will incline to use a set of five to seven skills. Among them are administering, analysing, communicating, controlling, design-

ing, entertaining, experimenting, harmonising, implementing, innovating, making friends, nurturing, observing, organising, persuading, planning, studying, teaching, and theorising.

Fourth, people show a preference for working with specific types of subject matter including concepts, schedules, detailed data, visual material, technical mechanisms, money, other people's skills, systems, physical structures, and language or other symbolic procedures.

Lastly there will be a tendency to be "turned on" by particular circumstances such as competition, deadlines, stress, novelty, detailed plans, problems, opportunities, well ordered working conditions, people's needs, causes and the like.

Arthur Miller's claim is not only that the SIMA process clearly identifies the specific combinations of the various elements which make up different people's motivational patterns. He says each pattern is already pretty well defined at an early age.

"From the beginning, when we've done something we find satisfying we repeat the actions that brought it about. We end up with, on average, between 20 and 22 differentiable kinds of action we're motivated to take."

Moreover, he insists that

once people have established their pattern, it is extremely unlikely that they will be able to add any new motivated ability to it.

"We don't say it's impossible for people to change, but in all our work we've never yet seen a new direction emerge. If people haven't expressed management ability—say—in what they think are the worthwhile things they've done over the past 30 years, the chance that they can make effective managers is remote."

"But you've got to look at the pattern as a whole, not just bits of it. The most obvious thing in mine may be that I want to work with numbers, but if I've an urge to be innovative too, I won't make a very good auditor. On the other hand there'll be a whole range of different things I could get committed to and do well. The important thing is to avoid mistaken moves, no matter how much the system tells me I should make them."

He cited the case of a successful area sales manager whose profile shows that, besides being motivated and able to lead a team, he needs to be directly involved in the action.

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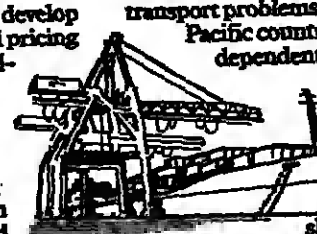


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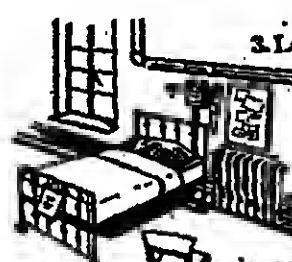
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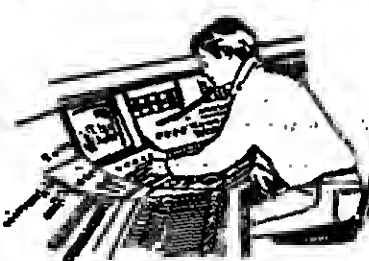


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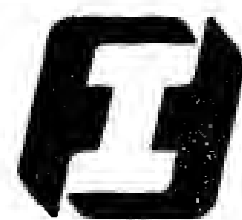
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## Financial Controller

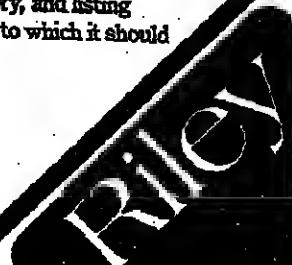
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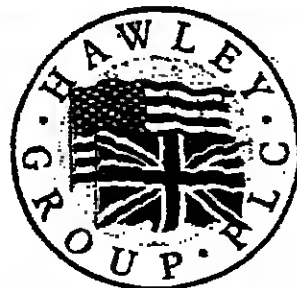
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In addition to the financial function, the person appointed will act as Company Secretary, and therefore previous experience in this area would be a distinct advantage.

This position is open to male and female applicants. To apply send your cv to:

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This new position reports to the Channel Islands General Manager and the successful candidate must be capable of communicating well at all levels. Responsibilities will include periodic reporting and analysis of revenue and expenses; preparation of statutory accounts and regulatory returns; compilation of budgets and budget comparisons and the preparation of financial reports for submission to all levels of management. Initial training will be based in London. A Channel Island connection would be an advantage.

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# Accountancy Appointments

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Applicants should ideally have a taxation or accounting qualification together with working experience of corporate taxation in a large company environment. Above all, you must be able to demonstrate a high level of enthusiasm and commitment. Ref: TA/011

### Treasury Studies Analyst

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You should be a graduate and fully qualified accountant, with extensive experience in corporate treasury or merchant banking. A background in financial planning or taxation will be especially useful - we'll also be looking for natural communication skills with plenty of initiative. Ref: TSA/011

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## Bethlehem Steel omits payout after heavy loss

BY TERRY DODSWORTH IN NEW YORK

THE CONTINUING tribulations of the U.S. steel industry were sharply underscored yesterday when Bethlehem Steel, the third largest U.S. steel manufacturer, announced that it was dropping its quarterly dividend for the first time since 1983.

The company's decision came after it registered a heavy loss in the third quarter and said it expected a further loss in the final three months of the year.

Bethlehem added that it was seeking to renegotiate its labour contract well before it was due to expire at the end of next July - a clear indication that the company is

aiming for wage cuts to help it through its crisis.

Net losses in the third quarter amounted to \$76.8m, including a \$35m charge for the closure of its fastener plant in Pennsylvania, against losses of \$17.4m in the same period last year.

The group's continuing operations were also in loss to the tune of \$11.1m against profits of \$2.7m on the same basis last year.

Sales in the quarter fell to \$1.29bn from \$1.36bn and in the first nine months of the year slumped to \$3.6bn from \$4.2bn. Nine-month losses soared to \$118.5m from a profit of \$48m in

1984, but on a continuing operations basis the group earned \$3.4m against \$8.9m.

Bethlehem blamed its deteriorating performance on flat steel demand, the influx of imported steel and the reduction of inventories over the quarter. It saw no prospects of a significant improvement in prices or volume in the current quarter.

The group, which has seen its net worth decline from \$2.5bn in 1981 to \$1.2bn last year, has been reducing its dividend as the industry failed to pull out of the slump which overtook it in the early 1980s.

## Stelco doubles profit to C\$20m

BY ROBERT GIBBENS IN MONTREAL

STELCO, Canada's largest steel producer, lifted third-quarter profits to C\$20m (US\$15.1m), or 23 cents per common share, from C\$10m, equal to a 10-cent loss per share after preferred dividends, a year earlier.

Nine-month profits rose from C\$31.8m to C\$61.7m before extraordinary items, with sales increasing slightly to C\$1.89bn.

Third-quarter sales fell by 4.4 per cent, reflecting a seasonal down-

turn in demand. But Stelco, which accounts for about 27 per cent of Canadian steel output, said that several of its mills had operated at or near full capacity in the first nine months of the year.

The company announced several plant closures earlier this year but is proceeding with a substantial modernisation programme, including the installation of two continuous casting machines at its Elfton works in Hamilton, Ontario.

Stelco's steel shipments were about 1m tonnes in the third quarter, compared with 979,000 tonnes a year earlier. Nine-month shipments totalled 3.1m tonnes. Customer holidays in December and the cost of scheduled repairs and maintenance are expected to have a "significant unfavourable impact" on fourth-quarter earnings.

Canadian steel producers raised prices on flat-rolled products by 3 to 4 per cent last July.

## Du Pont earnings slip 10% in quarter

By Paul Taylor in New York

DU PONT, the U.S. chemicals and energy group, is withdrawing from a Texas-based synthetic gas partnership venture and closing an associated methanol production plant, resulting in a \$66m after-tax charge.

The charge contributed to a 10 per cent decline in the group's third-quarter net earnings announced yesterday. The results were also accompanied by a fierce attack by Mr Edward Jefferson, Du Pont's outspoken chairman, on the failure of Congress and the Administration to reduce the federal budget deficit and a warning that the competitiveness of U.S. industry had been "seriously impaired" by the strength of the dollar.

Third-quarter net earnings fell to \$220m, or \$1.17 a share, from \$245m, or \$1.31, in the same period last year. Sales fell to \$8.53bn from \$8.71bn.

Earnings were reduced by \$88m, or 37 cents, as a result of Du Pont's decision to withdraw from the Syn-gas joint venture with the USI division of National Distillers and Chemicals and its previously announced \$20m, or 9 cents a share, charge resulting from the shutdown of an ethylene production unit in Alvin, Texas.

These charges were mostly offset by a \$68m, or 28 cents a share, gain from a pension fund accounting change and a \$18m, or 7 cents, gain from litigation settlements.

Mr Jefferson said: "We have seen a significant improvement in our downstream petroleum business which has benefited from better refined product margins worldwide."

"Getting this improvement from lower earnings from coal and from some of the diversified industrial and specialist businesses which continue to reflect relatively weak industrial activity and the adverse effects of the strong dollar."

## New dollar issues top \$2bn

BY PETER MONTAGNON, EUROMARKETS CORRESPONDENT, IN LONDON

INTERNATIONAL bond markets were treated to a deluge of new dollar issues totalling \$2.025bn yesterday as Wall Street rebounded on expectations of lower interest rates.

Dealers said both fixed and floating-rate issues were in heavy demand and the new paper, which included \$800m issues from both Canada and Lloyds Bank of the UK, was generally well received.

Underlying the rally was a downward lurch in short-term rates - six-month Eurodeposit rates shed ¼ per cent to 8 per cent yesterday - which fuelled expectations of lower coupons in the fixed-rate sector and boosted buying of floating-rate notes.

Dealers said recent decisions by many borrowers to call their floating-rate issues for early redemption had created a need for investors to find new paper, especially of the higher yielding variety that would allow them to maintain their current return.

This has opened a window for certain types of floating-rate issue which carry high margins for technical reasons - perennials, capped interest floaters and issues from less well-known names, all of which were in evidence yesterday.

The Lloyds Bank issue was a perennial, for example, ranking as primary capital under Bank of England regulations. Led by Lloyds Merchant Bank, it bears a margin of ½ per cent over the three-month London interbank offered rate (Libor).

Also in the market yesterday was a \$300m perpetual floater for Royal Bank of Scotland led by Merrill

BHF Bank bond average			
Oct 30	103.494	Previous	103.409
High	105.593	Low	98.840

Lynch Capital Markets which was quickly increased to \$350m. It carries interest at ¼ per cent over six-month Libor (mean of bid and offered rates for Eurodollar deposits).

Other new floaters included a 12-year issue for Bank of Tokyo which carries interest at a margin of 30 basis points over three-month Libor and an interest cap of 13 per cent. The deal was priced by lead manager Bank of Tokyo International at 100.1 per cent. Korea Eximbank is also raising \$100m through a 10-year deal with a margin of ¼ per cent over six-month Libor and priced at par by Chase Manhattan (Asia). Finally a small \$25m, 10-year issue at a margin of ¼ per cent over six-month Libor for Svenska International came through Mitsui Trust Bank (Europe).

Despite yesterday's euphoria, dealers warned that demand for floating-rate paper was still selective, with some other recent issues lagging outside their total fees. A similar qualification applies to the fixed-rate market, where retail buyers are confused about the likely interest rate and exchange market trend. Institutions need the extra incentive of a strong name or good liquidity to climb aboard as their year-end accounting deadline approaches.

Indeed, though secondary market prices of fixed-rate issues rose by some ¼ points yesterday, dealers said the Eurodollar did not fully follow the rally in the New York market, with the result that yield spreads between Eurobonds and U.S. domestic issues widened.

Canada's \$500m, 10-year issue which carries a 10 per cent coupon and an issue price of 99-¼ per cent was well received, partly reflecting the fact that this is its first 10-year issue and that the paper cannot be called early. Lead manager is Deutsche Bank Capital Markets.

Credit Suisse First Boston launched a \$100m, seven-year issue at 10 per cent and par for the Electricity Commission of the Australian state of Victoria. This was regarded as aggressively priced on launch in the morning but traded within its 1½ per cent fees as the market improved during the afternoon.

Saga Petroleum, the private sector Norwegian oil company, attracted attention with its issue, also through CSFB, because of its high 11½ per cent coupon. The 10-year issue is priced at par.

Two other fixed-rate issues were slower to move. Chrysler Financial Corporation, a name that lacks instant investor appeal, offered \$100m of six-year, 10½ per cent bonds at 98½ per cent through Merrill Lynch. McDonnell Douglas Finance is raising \$30m through a 10½ per cent issue at 100½ per cent led by First Chicago. This met some resistance because of its partly paid structure with 10½ per cent due in

November and the balance in February.

Yesterday evening Coca-Cola joined the fray with a \$100m, seven-year 9½ per cent issue at 100½ per cent led by Morgan Stanley. This carries warrants priced at \$6.25 apiece, entitling the holders to convert into fixed-rate paper on the same terms as the host bond.

D-Mark bonds recovered slightly yesterday after Tuesday's steep falls, with only one new issue launched in the form of a DM 30m, five-year bond with equity warrants for Sumitomo Textile Company of Japan. This carries an indicated coupon of 3 per cent and is led by WestLB.

Other continental markets were generally weaker with both the Swiss franc and Ecu sectors suffering from a surfeit of paper. The Asian Development Bank is raising SwFr 100m through a 2½-year issue - unusually long for this market - carrying an indicated coupon of 6 per cent and led by UBS. Heron International's new 5½ per cent issue started trading at a 0.2½ per cent discount to its par issue price.

Evidence of rising coupons in the Ecu market came from a new Ecu 50m, five-year issue for Peugeot, the French car concern. Led by Banque Paribas, this carries a coupon of 9½ per cent and issue price par.

In the bulldog market the £100m issue for Safeway UK Holdings has been smoothly placed. It was priced yesterday at 99.967 per cent to give a yield of 11.255, which is 0.9 per cent above the equivalent gilt-edged stock.

## Share trading in 3 Swedish groups halted

By David Brown in Stockholm

TRADING in the shares of three companies associated with Mr Erik Penser, the UK-domiciled Swedish financier, was halted on the Stockholm bourse yesterday pending announcement of a big takeover bid expected today.

The companies are Carnegie, Sweden's largest investment company, the investment house Askani, and Saba, the large retail and wholesale trading group.

It is understood that Saba will make a SKr 2bn (\$265m) cash and convertible offer to take full control of Carnegie - partially by buying the 63 per cent voting stake already held by two other companies in the Penser sphere, which faces an acute debt service burden.

Mr Penser's holding company Yggdrasil could receive as much as SKr 470m in cash for its 24.9 per cent voting stake in Carnegie. It is understood that Askani will be offered a combination of cash and convertible notes in Saba in exchange for its 38.1 per cent holding.

A further 18.6 per cent of the shares in Carnegie are held by the Ekman family.

If the deal goes through, it will reduce Yggdrasil's debt service burden. Askani sold substantial holdings this year, and its problems are less acute.

The Penser sphere has expanded rapidly in recent years and is also a big shareholder in Nobel Industries (which includes the Bofors armaments group) and KemaNobel, the country's biggest chemicals group.)

Many of its acquisitions were financed during the boom in share prices on the Stockholm bourse, but the value of several of these assets has declined while financing costs have jumped.

Handelsbanken, the large Swedish commercial bank, has announced that the heads of both its money and capital markets and equities divisions have left to assume management of the Swedish merchant bank Winston Hakansson.

## Benedetti buys 6% of Banca Agricola

BY ALAN FRIEDMAN IN MILAN

SIG CARLO de Benedetti has paid 125bo (\$14.2m) for a 6 per cent stake in Banca Agricola Milanese, a Milan-based private bank which is the object of a hostile public takeover attempt by Banca Popolare di Milano, Italy's 14th largest bank.

The de Benedetti share stake - acquired by Sig de Benedetti's Cofide family holding vehicle - places the Olivetti chairman at the centre of an unusual development in Italian banking: an unwanted takeover bid.

Cofide has entered the control syndicate, or group of shareholders, at Banca Agricola who claim to control 51 per cent of the bank. The syndicate has an agreement not to sell shares to outsiders without first offering them inside the group.

This should block the Banca Popolare takeover attempt. But an executive at Banca Popolare - which already controls 36 per cent of the 45-branch Banca Agricola - last night disputed that the Agricola

syndicate has a 51 per cent combined stake.

"We are going ahead with our public offer and we shall see what the real stakes are," he said.

Banca Popolare has 108 branches in Italy, of which 97 are located in Lombardy. It had net profits last year of 149bn, compared with Banca Agricola's 137.5bn net income.

Popolare has total assets of 145,565bn, compared with Agricola's assets of 13,000bn.

Analysts in Milan said yesterday that Sig de Benedetti could either assume the role of Agricola's "white knight" or could possibly sell his stake to Popolare in order to realise a profit on his 8 per cent stake.

They noted, however, that in the unofficial "borsa mercato" (third market) in Milan - Agricola is not a fully listed bank - the price of Agricola shares stood yesterday at 185,000 each. The offer from Popolare was 180,000 a share.

## Rival bidders step up Helsinki bank holdings

BY OLLE VIRTANEN IN HELSINKI

FINNISH savings bank group Skopbank and Union Bank of Finland (UBF), have both further increased their shareholdings in Bank of Helsinki (BoH) in their attempts to gain control.

UBF said yesterday it had increased its holding to 25 per cent from 18.3 per cent on Tuesday. Skopbank also added to its 11 per cent holding but did not reveal by how much.

Although UBF is now clearly the biggest single shareholder in Bank of Helsinki, Skopbank is still regarded as the more powerful force since it has closer ties with the other two large shareholders, Sampo, an insurance company, and Konst-

sansfundet, an investment fund. BoH shares have shot up to FM 190 (\$17.6) from FM 93 last Thursday. Brokers estimate their real value, judged alongside those of the other two Finnish commercial banks, UBF and Kansallis-Osake-Pankki (KOP), would be below FM 30.

The battle for BoH has now attracted most of Finland's big institutions, including KOP, though it does not appear to be interested in seeking control.

KOP sold its entire stake in BoH to UBF earlier this week. By yesterday it had acquired another 50,000 shares, selling half to Skopbank and half to UBF at FM 100 a share.

## American Can hit by Tior charge

By Terry Byland in New York

AMERICAN CAN'S third-quarter earnings have been hit by a \$28.8m charge from the write-down on its investment in Tior, the Los Angeles parent of Tior Mortgage, which faces potentially huge losses from the collapse of Equity Programs Investment Corp (Epic).

American Can's net for the period dropped by \$9.3m to \$27.5m, or 87 cents a share, after the write-down on its \$50m preferred stock of New TC Holding, parent of Tior. Before this charge and also unusual gains of \$2m and \$17m, taxed income was 19 per cent higher at \$38.8m on level revenues of \$1.05bn.

The company said it was not possible to quantify the likely impact on Tior or New TC Holding of the "potentially significant" losses at Tior Mortgage.

Potential losses of \$150m have been estimated, and Californian regulators have stopped Tior from writing new insurance.

Mr Gerald Tsai, vice-chairman of American Can, resigned earlier this month from the board of Tior, which is headed by Mr Harold Gensen, former chairman of ITT.

For nine months, American Can has lifted earnings from \$102.2m, or \$3.76 a share, to \$106.8m, or \$3.70, but this year's total includes an after-tax loss of \$2.8m on the New TC write-down.

## Springer group assets protected by will clause

BY RUPERT CORNWELL IN BONN

HERR AXEL SPRINGER, the late West German publishing magnate, acted to protect the DM 2.5bn (\$897m) group he created from nothing by arranging for his assets - notably his controlling 28.1 per cent stake in Axel Springer Verlag - not to be divided between his heirs before the year 2015.

These provisions, which effectively freeze the new ownership structure of the group for 30 years, emerged from the reading of Herr Springer's will yesterday in Berlin, almost seven weeks after his death at the age of 73.

Prof Bernhard Saravitus, spokesman for the executors of the will, said Herr Springer had intended the provisions to guarantee the economic security of the group and the independence of its publications.

The will requires the executors to make sure that sufficient funds are always available to be ploughed into the group as investments. The heirs - his widow, children and

grandchildren - are understood to have accepted the arrangements.

Prof Saravitus declined to put a figure on the total value of the estate. Its main component, however, is known to be the stake in Axel Springer Verlag, the master company which controls its main publications.

These include Bild Zeitung, the popular daily with sales of 5.3m and HorZu, which provides radio and television listings, with a weekly circulation of 3.3m.

Other Springer publications include the conservative newspaper Die Welt and its Sunday sister Welt am Sonntag. The group reported a 1984 turnover of DM 2.42bn making it by far West Germany's largest publishing concern.

## Karstadt warns of downturn for 1985

BY OUR BONN CORRESPONDENT

KARSTADT, the largest West German store group, has given further proof of its difficulties by reporting a 2.5 per cent drop in sales during the first nine months and warning that profits are likely to be even lower than the DM 23.8m (\$8.12m) reported for 1984.

The company has also provided further explanation for the recall to Karstadt - after a 12-year absence - of Herr Bernd Hebbeling, currently chief executive of its smaller rival, Herten.

From next April Herr Hebbeling will join Karstadt's board in Essen as deputy chairman, with responsibility for pushing through the restructuring of the group's operations and for its continuing campaign to make itself more attractive to younger shoppers in particular.

The drop in sales at the nine-month stage to DM 8.1bn came despite an improvement in two divisions of Karstadt which have long

caused problems. Neckermann, its main order subsidiary which has run up losses of DM 480m between 1977 and 1984, showed a 4.8 per cent growth in turnover to DM 1.13bn. Its 1985 results should be notably better, the company says.

NOR Touristik, Karstadt's travel agency offshoot, achieved a 9.3 per cent rise in business during the same period to DM 1.23bn - figures which will mitigate the parent company's disappointment at the refusal of the Berlin Carle Office to approve a planned merger of NOR with its opposite number at Kaufhof, the second largest German store concern.

But the overall decline in business is proof of how traditional stores groups are being bypassed by the current increase in domestic demand in the country. Karstadt said yesterday, however, that it hoped the Christmas buying rush would help limit the expected fall in 1985 earnings.

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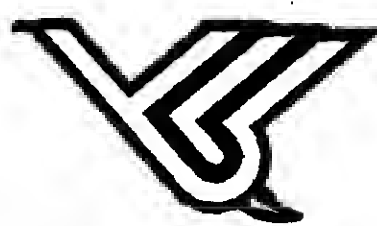
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## INTL. COMPANIES & FINANCE

### Minebea given bid reply ultimatum

By Carla Rapoport in Tokyo

TRAFALGAR HOLDINGS and Glen International, the U.S. and UK financial groups which together aim to push through the first hostile takeover bid by a foreign company in Japan, said yesterday they had given their target until Monday to reply to their offer.

If Minebea, the precision ball-bearing maker which is their target, does not agree to recommend to its shareholders Trafalgar-Glen's plan for a leveraged buy-out of the company, the two said they plan to solicit agreement from the shareholders themselves.

It was not made clear yesterday how the partners would mount such a campaign, as neither has a Tokyo office and no Japanese financial institution has yet agreed to represent Trafalgar-Glen.

Mr Terry Ramsden, of Glen International, the architect of the takeover scheme, chose not to make the trip to Tokyo to explain the move to the Ministry of Finance and leading Japanese financial institutions. "He was too busy doing other deals," Mr Graham Richards, a corporate consultant to Glen, said in Tokyo yesterday.

A successful takeover bid in Japan must have the approval of the MoF.

The Trafalgar-Glen officials said their investment in Minebea had cost "in excess of US\$125m" and was equivalent to around 30 per cent of the company's equity. The holding is made up of a mixture of shares, convertible bonds and warrants.

Mr Mark Dodge, legal counsel to Trafalgar, admitted that the two groups did not have the management expertise to run Minebea. "We do have the assistance of some Japanese businessmen we know," he said.

Mr Dodge also confirmed that Daiwa Securities had refused to accept Trafalgar-Glen as a client.

As to whether the takeover attempt is merely an effort to achieve short-term capital gains, Mr Dodge said: "We have a profit motive in everything we do. We are not in business to lose money. We have this investment. We can do one of two things: We can sell it, or we can do things to improve the way the company is run."

### Ajinomoto just ahead at mid-year

By Yoko Shipata in Tokyo

AJINOMOTO, the Japanese maker of monosodium glutamate, has reported a 2 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to ¥13.75bn (\$84.5m) for the half year to September.

Net profit increased by 7.3 per cent to ¥6.23bn on sales of ¥218.65bn, up 1 per cent. Net earnings per share were ¥13.10 against ¥12.82, and the interim dividend is unchanged at ¥5. A slowdown in sales growth was attributed to a 4.7 per cent fall in demand for oil and fat. Sales of seasonings rose by 1.5 per cent and of foods by 3.1 per cent.

For the year as a whole, pre-tax profits are projected at ¥30.2bn, up 2 per cent for the 10th consecutive yearly rise.

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## First-half setbacks for OK Bazaars and Amrel

BY JIM JONES IN JOHANNESBURG

OK BAZAARS and Amalgamated Retail (Amrel), two of South Africa's leading retailers, have reported substantial first half profit declines which both companies attribute to government austerity measures and the current political unrest. Neither counts on an early improvement in the trading environment.

OK, which operates a nationwide supermarket and household goods chain, increased first half turnover by 1.8 per cent to R264.4m (\$873.4m). This represents a drop of about 13 per cent in real terms.

The directors say that restrictive measures introduced last year have continued to affect sales of furniture and appliances adversely, while the shift by consumers away from purchases of durables has been encouraged by increased inflation and escalating unemployment.

The drop in demand for durables led to a reduction in overall margins which contri-

buted to a 34.4 per cent fall in OK's interim pre-tax profits to R8.84m. Net earnings fell to 30 cents a share from 55.1 cents and the interim dividend has been cut to 18 cents from 33 cents.

Similarly pessimistic opinions expressed by the board of Amrel, the furniture and footwear chain, first-half turnover rose marginally to R232.1m from R230.5m but there was a loss of R8.59m compared with a pre-tax profit of R7.54m.

The directors say that furniture sales fell by 20.7 per cent in real terms, while footwear sales were a real 5.3 per cent lower than in the corresponding period of 1984. They add that the extent of the deterioration in retail sales has been far worse than expected.

A first-half net loss of 40.7 cents a share was incurred and an interim dividend has not been declared. Last year an

interim dividend of 20 cents was paid from first-half earnings of 58.7 cents.

Both companies are pessimistic on immediate trading prospects. Amrel's directors say that continuing turnover in the township, unemployment, and inflation remain major obstacles to retail activity. Though they are hoping that second-half consumer spending will be slightly better than that recorded in the corresponding period last year, they find it impossible to forecast earnings.

The board of OK echoes these sentiments, but believes that trading performance could improve in the second half even though there are no signs of an impending economic recovery.

Both companies are controlled by South African Breweries which, in turn, is the principal retailing arm of the Anglo-American Group.

### Malaysian Mining hit by losses at UK subsidiary

BY KENNETH MARSTON, MINING EDITOR

EVEN before the current collapse in tin prices and the crisis in the world tin market, the Malaysian tin-mining industry was finding it hard going.

Malaysia Mining Corporation (MMC), the country's major tin group, reports that net profits for the first half of the current year to January have dropped by 65.3 per cent to 7m ringgit (\$2.8m) from 20.3m ringgit. The interim dividend is reduced to 2 cents from 3 cents. The previous year's total was 6 cents.

A major factor in the decline has been the loss sustained by the UK tin-marketing subsidiary which has come on top of reduced group tin-mining profits and higher interest charges.

Furthermore, tax charges in the latest half-year have risen to 14.1m ringgit, or 65.2 per

cent of pre-tax profits, compared with 15.5m ringgit a year ago. This increase has occurred because losses of some subsidiaries were not available to be offset against group profits.

Wong Sulong adds from Kuala Lumpur: On a per-share basis, net earnings were 18 cents compared with 4.9 cents previously.

"The substantial reduction in profit was mainly attributable to losses incurred by MMC Services (the trading arm), lower profit from mining operations and a higher interest cost to the group," MMC said.

It added that directors were concerned over recent developments in the international tin market and were "not in a position to comment about the likely results for the second half year."

### Lower demand at Pretoria Cement

By Our Johannesburg Correspondent

PRETORIA Portland Cement (PPC), South Africa's largest cement producer, was hit by substantially lower demand in the year to September and is not optimistic about prospects for the current year.

Turnover fell by 6 per cent to R226.4m (\$126.4m), while profits pre-tax dropped 18.6 per cent to R33.7m.

Mr Chris Wrogemann, the managing director, said the cement market downturn had been expected but that an improvement, foreseen for the 1985-86 year, was now unlikely to be realised. He expects a revival in 1987.

The dividend total has been maintained at 43 cents a share although earnings fell to 153.2 cents a share from 160.4 cents. PPC is controlled by the Barlow Rand industrial and mining group.

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### Financial Highlights for the Year Ended July 31, 1985

	Years Ended on July 31		
	1985	1984	% Increase (Decrease)
	(in Thousands)		
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	\$ 300,171	\$ 234,364	28
NET INCOME	180,420	139,212	30
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,033,304	932,411	11
FINANCE RECEIVABLES			
Commercial Financing	\$ 4,319,174	\$ 3,488,729	24
Consumer Financing	4,149,767	3,715,879	12
Total Receivables	\$ 8,468,941	\$ 7,204,608	18
ALLOWANCE FOR LOSSES ON FINANCE RECEIVABLES			
Percent of Net Receivables	211,777	183,525	15
FINANCE VOLUME			
Commercial Financing	\$ 7,010,114	\$ 5,988,120	17
Consumer Financing	3,727,743	4,320,547	(14)
Total Volume	\$ 10,737,857	\$ 10,308,667	4

### Consolidated Balance Sheet

	July 31	
	1985	1984
	(in Thousands)	
Assets		
Cash	\$ 10,028	\$ 3,429
Bonds and Notes, at amortized cost (maturity - 1985, \$476,736,000; 1984, \$419,948,000)	481,907	441,002
Finance Receivables	\$ 4,319,174	\$ 3,488,729
Commercial Financing	4,149,767	3,715,879
Consumer Financing	\$ 8,468,941	\$ 7,204,608
Total finance receivables		
Less:		
Unearned finance income	(1,322,578)	(1,087,110)
Allowance for losses on finance receivables	(211,777)	(183,525)
	\$ 6,934,586	\$ 5,933,973
Property and Equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation	29,056	34,649
Other Assets	267,953	228,374
	\$ 7,223,599	\$ 6,638,427

### Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Notes Payable	\$ 2,540,488	\$ 2,391,257
Commercial Paper	49,296	30,781
Bank Loans	201,315	161,184
Reserve for Insurance Claims and Benefits	317,733	408,309
Accounts Payable and Accruals	104,777	109,270
Credit Balances of Factoring Clients and Dealers	3,476,616	2,605,205
Long-Term Debt unsecured		
Stockholders' Equity		
Class B Common Stock, \$100 par value, 2,000,000 shares authorized, 1,000,000 shares outstanding	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Common Stock, no par value, 5,000 shares authorized, 260 shares outstanding, at stated value	47,037	47,037
Retained Earnings	281,749	281,749
Unrealized Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	(20,526)	(22,199)
	\$ 1,033,304	\$ 932,411
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 7,223,599	\$ 6,638,427

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## UK COMPANY NEWS

## Reed better than expected at £51m

WITH a 17.5 per cent increase in trading profit from continuing activities, the Reed International publishing, packaging and paper group has turned in pre-tax profits of £51.1m for the half-year ended September 29 1985.

This is a 13 per cent rise over the corresponding £45.2m and £1.1m better than City analysts had been expecting. The shares, however, closed 2p lower at 987p after initially climbing to 117p.

Of the pre-tax profit, £28m (£20.8m) arose overseas. Average exchange rates are used for profit translation; the impact of fluctuations on the half-year compared with 1984 was negligible, the directors state.

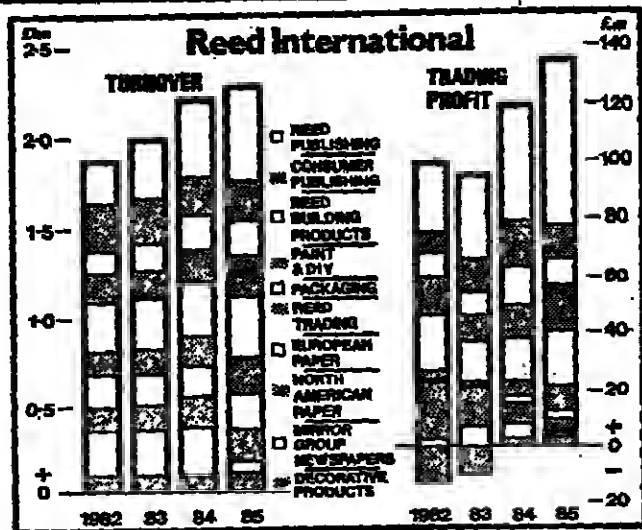
They say that considerable progress has been made in restructuring the group. Following the divestment last year of Mirror Group Newspapers, London & Provincial Posters and Spence-Cowan, all the decorative products businesses were divested in the first half and the UK building products activities were sold recently.

A total of £116m has been realised from divestments in the year to date. On the acquisition front, purchases costing £28m were made, and included R. T. Bowler, a New York publishing house, St James Press Group, UK hotel guides, Morgan Communications, regional newspapers, and Deen-Of Faints in the U.S.

Turnover in the half year amounted to £269.7m, against £194m, of which £18.5m (£70m) was earned in the UK. Trading profit worked through at £59.9m (£55.6m) with the UK contributing £29.6m (£31.1m). Continuing activities accounted for £37m (£48.5m) with Reed Publishing producing £30.8m (£18.5m), consumer publishing £2.3m (£3.5m), paint and 4-4-7 £2.3m (same), packaging £12.4m (£9.9m), Reed trading £2.7m (£3.2m), European paper £3.8m (£1.1), North American paper £8m (£3.7m), European building products £1.6m (same), less central items £4.2m (£3.6m).



Sir Alex Jarratt, chairman



Discontinued activities accounted for £1.9m (£7.1m). Interest charges for the half year were down by £2.6m to £8m. The directors report that most operations encountered difficult volume conditions both in the UK and North American markets. Reed Publishing continued

strongly in the UK and increased market share in the U.S. despite difficult conditions; but consumer publishing suffered from weak advertising demand in the women's weekly magazines. Packaging and the diminished down European paper operations increased profit through strict control of costs and the benefit of past rationalisation. Poor weather and the low level of building starts in the UK contributed to slack demand for paint and 4-4-7 products. With the benefit of capital expenditure to expand capacity and upgrade the newsprint mill in Quebec, the North American paper group improved profits in a highly competitive market.

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## French Kier bid for Abbey blocked by Trafalgar Hse

BY FRANK KANE

French Kier's £20m attempt to acquire Abbey, the public-based building group, has received the thumbs-down from its largest shareholder, the Trafalgar House shipping and property group. This emerged yesterday after reports that on Tuesday Trafalgar failed to place its 25.3 per cent holding with institutions at a price of 210p. Shares in French Kier, which has interests in construction, property and shipping, slipped further to close at 199p last night, down 8p. Mr Eric Parker, chief executive of Trafalgar, said: "We do not like the Abbey deal at all that much and rather than vote against, we decided to place them. We were unable to do so and have therefore delivered our proxy vote against the proposed bid."

He added that Abbey was not a good acquisition. "We think that kind of price is at the top of their cycle." One of the main attractions for Kier is Abbey's large land-bank in the Home Counties and its successful housebuilding business there.

Trafalgar's opposition, and the falling share price, will come as an unwelcome development for Kier, which has offered one of its own shares and £2.75 (£2.26) in cash for every five Abbey shares. There is also a cash alternative of £60.98 per share. Abbey's shares have stayed beyond Kier's reach since the announcement of the bid, closing last night at 109p, up 1p, and market opinion is that Kier will have to increase the terms of its offer to stand a chance of success.

## George Dew turns down £9m offer from Bremner

BY DAVID GOODHART

Bremner, the diversifying Glasgow-based department store company, last night made an all share bid for the civil engineering group, George Dew, valuing it at about £9m. After a meeting between the two chairmen, Mr Arnold Barnard, chairman of Dew, rejected the bid saying: "We are not impressed by the offer. We don't like the look of their paper and at this stage the bid does not have the recommendation of the Board."

However, he did not rule out further talks with Bremner's chairman Mr Michael Black. The terms of the bid are one Bremner share for every one Dew plus 40p of the existing unsecured loan stock of Bremner — putting a value of about 110p per share on Dew. Bremner closed unchanged at 328p — Dew closed up 10p at 102p. Bremner has undergone a review of its business since the arrival of Mr Black in April. Earlier this month it finally acquired Phillips Patents for £2.75m. Mr Arthur Watt, the Bremner finance director, said last night that Dew had strong asset backing and good liquidity and there had been some preliminary discussions with its board before making the bid. Bremner made a loss of £400,000 in the six months ended July 1985 compared with a loss of £44,000. George Dew boosted pre-tax profits from £10,000 to £47,000 for the half year ended April 28 on a turnover of £18.42m. In the last full year it made a pre-tax profit of £1.60m.

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## Asda share price hit by warning on competition

By Martin Dickson

MR NOEL STOCKDALE, chairman of Associated Dairies, told yesterday's annual meeting that trading by the group's Asda stores had been disappointing in the current financial year. Associated shares, 198p before the meeting, fell 4p on the news to close at 182p, down 6p on the day.

Mr Stockdale said Asda's performance had been so successful that it had not responded quickly enough to changes in consumer taste and market demand or the steady growth of offers from rivals — including extensive ranges of value-added convenience foods and value-label products.

The latter have been presented to the public at more competitive prices, quality for quality, and at the same time have maintained an acceptable profit margin.

Mr Stockdale said Asda had completed a review of most product groups and this had already resulted in the rationalisation of some ranges. An extensive value-label wine and spirits range had been introduced.

Some 100 new grocery products, including convenience foods and value-label products, would be launched next year, with another 1,000 in 1986-87. Associated merged earlier this year with MFI Furniture, creating Britain's fourth biggest retailer.

Mr Stockdale said yesterday the company was working extremely well together and better than could have been anticipated at the time of the merger. "Interchange of personnel and a cross-fertilisation of ideas... is creating a very strong group spirit."

However, he added that the group, which is changing its name to ASDA-MFI Group, had a considerable task ahead of it.

Within MFI, the sales pattern was showing recovery from the depressed levels of the early part of the financial year. Allied Carpets continued to make splendid progress, with both carpets and curtains showing real growth. Eleven new branches were planned for the current financial year, and at least 15 more were anticipated for 1986-87.

Asda had planning permission for 12 stores, extending its future development programmes for the years 1986-1987 and 1987-88.

## Share dealings in Solex suspended

By Charles Batchelor

THE STOCK EXCHANGE yesterday suspended dealings in the shares of Solex, the carburettor-maker, at the company's request "pending clarification of its financial position."

At the 46p suspension price — a low for the year — 46p is valued at £2m. Earlier this month, when the company published figures for the first half of 1985, it announced that it was actively exploring the refinancing of its activities. It said it planned to restructure around the core of its business.

Unsecured loan stock of £715,000 in the first half of 1985 compared with a profit of £230,000. The collapse of a joint venture in Germany to supply kits to convert European cars to U.S. anti-pollution standards added an extraordinary loss of £517,000.

Golders abandoned this project because of technical problems. New products are being launched but the costs have been higher than expected and losses have drained financial resources, the company said in its interim statement.

Solex made a trading loss of £1.25m in the first half of 1985 though it also made pre-tax profits of £245,000 on the sale of investments. Investment profits of £1.74m in 1984 helped turn a trading loss of £914,000 into a pre-tax profit of £338,000 in spite of redundancy costs.

The ultimate holding company of Solex is Matra, the French defence, electronics and car components group.

Linguaphone in talks Linguaphone Holdings has announced that it is holding discussions with a third party which may lead to a substantial investment being made in the company. Shareholders will be informed of progress in due course, the directors say.

The company, which operates language schools, has suspended trading in the ordinary and preferred shares on the over-the-counter market.

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## Revamped Fulton group gets £87m market tag

By Charles Batchelor

International City Holdings, the money broking group which has been reassembled by its management from the dispersed parts of the Charles Fulton empire, is going public with an offer for sale which values the company at £87.4m.

This move to a full listing comes 34 years after it was rescued from near-collapse by Mercantile House, another leading money broking group, in a deal which valued Fulton at just £4.8m.

ICH is selling 13.99m shares representing 30.4 per cent of its equity, at 190p each. Of the shares to be sold, 7.2m are new and will raise £12.3m after expenses. Lazard Brothers, ICH's merchant bank, announced yesterday that arrangements for the offer had been completed.

ICH is number four among the large UK-based companies which dominate the international money and foreign exchange broking business. In front of it are Mercantile House, Exco International and Mills & Allen, all of which already have a stock market listing.

The ICH management, headed by its chairman, Mr Robin Packshaw, has spent the past three years re-establishing the original Fulton operation after it was rescued by Mercantile House.

Fulton had attempted unsuccessfully to break into the New York money market in 1981 at the same time that it started making losses on foreign exchange dealings. Mercantile bought Fulton when Gill and Thurst, the commodity broker which then held a 45 per cent stake, refused to bail the company out.

Mr Packshaw refused to sell Fulton back to its management as a single entity but agreed to National Leasing and Finance Company, for up to £11.26m worth of shares and cash.

## Haslemere in £20m debenture placing

IN A MOVE to refinance certain variable rate borrowings and to lengthen the average maturity of borrowings, Haslemere Estates is placing £20m 10 per cent first mortgage debenture stock at 205p, a 5 per cent premium on application and the balance by January 10. Gross redemption yield at issue is 11.00 per cent.

The stock is secured by specific charges on a portfolio of 13 commercial and industrial properties in London and the Home Counties, to which Haslemere's interests have been independently valued at some £36.1m in aggregate. Trustees are Eagle Star Trust Company.

Dealings in the stock are expected to begin tomorrow afternoon. Interest is due on January 31 and July 31.

The placing was arranged by Hill Samuel in conjunction with Quilter Goodson.

## Clayform bid for Owen may lapse

Clayform Properties expects its £6m bid for Owen Owen, the Liverpool-based department store, to lapse in view of the £53m agreed offer launched on Monday by Ward White, the shoe-making and retailing group. Clayform nevertheless intends to go ahead with its extraordinary shareholders' meeting planned for November 6 in the light of the possibility that the Ward White offer will not be successful. However, the Ward White bid already has the backing of more than 51 per cent of the shares.

If its bid fails Clayform will sell its 11.5 per cent holding in Owen Owen either to Ward White or in the market. Clayform expects to make a profit of about £22m after expenses on the sale of these shares.

CAMBIUM VENTURE Capital may have lost the whole of its £200,000 investment in Open Computer where, despite refinancing attempts, a receiver was appointed yesterday.



Mr Robin Packshaw

operation, Charles Fulton (Asia), these companies have now been brought together under ICH. It has a correspondent agreement with the Far East company.

Pre-tax profits of ICH have risen from £17,000 to £11.38m in the five years ended July 1985 while earnings per share have increased from 1.5p to 24.5p. Turnover was up from £10.6m to £45.4m.

On the basis of 1984-85 earnings per share and the actual tax charge of 15.8 per cent, the price earnings multiple at the 190p offer price is 7.8. On a 35 per cent tax charge the multiple is 10.3. The basis of the 5p dividend ICH expects to pay for the year ending July 1986 the dividend yield is 6.8 per cent.

Money broking accounted for 90 per cent of ICH's 1984-85 turnover but the company is expanding into other financial services. Earlier this month it completed the purchase of HD Finance Group, the parent company of National Leasing and Finance Company, for up to £11.26m worth of shares and cash.

## Dee's £7.8m expansion of cash and carry side

Dee Corporation, the food wholesaling and Gateway supermarket group, is paying £7.75m in shares for Lonsdale and Thompson, a cash and carry subsidiary of Union International, the holding company for many of the Vestey family's interests.

Lonsdale's 11 cash and carry depots will be integrated with the 35 depots of Dee's Linford Cash and Carry operation in a move which will make the Linford business the largest of its kind in the UK. Dee said: "Dee will increase its deal, by the issue of 3.38m new 5p shares. These were placed on behalf of the vendors by stockbrokers Rowe and Pitman at 235.25p. Dee's shares rose 7p to 250p yesterday.

Dee expects to make savings on Lonsdale's head office costs and make use of its own buying power to improve margins in the Lonsdale depots. Lonsdale will give Dee its first head office warehouse which forms part of Lonsdale's Manchester depot.

The Lonsdale operation had turnover of about £16m in the year ended September 1984 and is believed to have made a small profit. The year before turnover was £14.5m and a loss of £596,000 was recorded.

Linford Cash and Carry made a trading profit of £4.2m on turnover of £478.5m in the year ended April 1985. Combined turnover of the two businesses in the year ending April 1985 is expected to reach £700m-£750m.

Dee rationalised its cash and carry business two years ago going for smaller margins on bigger volumes.

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151	121	Ass. Int. Ind. CULS	137	—	10.0	7.5	—	—
77	43	Airsprung Group	58	—	9.4	10.0	9.7	12.8
48	26	Airmag & Rhodes	45	—	4.3	5.6	5.6	5.7
10	108	Sutton	107	+1	4.0	2.4	20.8	21.8
64	42	Bry Technology	55	—	3.9	7.1	6.7	7.7
201	151	DCL Ordinary	152	—	12.0	7.0	3.7	3.5
112	61	Debonair Services	60	—	15.7	16.2	—	—
130	10	Carborundum Ord.	125d	—	4.9	3.9	6.2	6.7
93	83	Carborundum 7.5pc PI	87	—	10.7	0.5	7.2	7.2
46	46	Debonair Services	53	+1	7.0	13.2	5.5	7.3
32	21	Frederick Parker	21	—	—	—	—	—
50	50	Ind. Precision Castings	45	—	3.0	6.6	11.9	6.8
210	177	Iris Group	189	—	15.0	7.9	14.5	21.7
124	101	Jedson Group	107	—	9.5	5.1	7.2	7.2
285	213	James Burrough	260	+3	16.0	6.6	6.2	6.2
85	83	James Burrough 5pc PI	85	—	12.8	12.5	—	—
71	71	John Howard Cos	71d	—	5.0	8.2	9.4	10.1
225	100	Linguaphone Ord.	180	—	15.0	10.7	6.6	6.9
100	100	Linguaphone 10.5pc	100	—	15.0	10.7	6.6	6.9
680	300	Minihouse Holding NV	578	—	0.8	1.2	24.9	23.7
120	31	Robert Jenkins	70	—	—	—	9.8	21.7
82	28	Servotest	50	—	5.0	7.4	3.4	6.3
444	320	Torley & Carlisle	380	—	4.3	1.3	16.2	17.9
25	17	United Holdings	25	—	8.6	7.7	6.2	6.3
113	81	Walter Alexander	110	—	8.6	7.7	6.2	6.3
247	195	W. S. Yates	174	—	17.4	6.7	5.7	5.8

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## UK COMPANY NEWS

# Merchant Fund to keep Murray Growth quote

BY MARTIN DICKSON

The Merchant Navy Officer's Pension Fund, which two months ago won a contested £150m takeover bid for Murray Growth Trust, yesterday surprised the City by announcing that it intended to maintain a Stock Market listing for the Trust and would be retaining only 75 per cent of its capital.

The fund accompanied this with an immediate placing of 10.5m Murray Growth ordinary shares — 8 per cent of that class — at a price of 112p a share, a discount of 8 per cent on the current net asset value per share.

However, the announcement caused some annoyance among institutional investors who in August accepted the fund's cash offer for their shares of the company, crystallising a capital gains tax liability — only to have shares offered back to them two months later.

The fund said three factors lay behind its decision. One was that there had been a low level of

acceptances (52 per cent) for its offer for Murray Growth "B" shares — held mainly by small investors. To overcome this, it could have sought to liquidate the trust, but this would have taken a considerable time.

Furthermore, liquidation could have triggered pre-emption rights over shares in Murray's substantial holding of unquoted investments.

Thirdly, the fund felt there was "merit in providing investors with a continuing quoted vehicle." Morgan Grenfell, its merchant bank, said the main reason was a "positive decision" by the fund to maintain an "interesting quoted vehicle."

The fund intends to change Murray into a specialist trust of investments in two main areas. One is investment trusts and funds with interests in companies at an early stage in their development, and individual holdings in unlisted companies in the UK and abroad. The other

is international financial services, including key holdings in banks, merchant banks, investment management companies, insurance companies and venture capital operations.

Some of the fund's own investments in these areas will be transferred to the trust, with a movement in the opposite direction of Murray's general equity investments.

The fund, which has received acceptances covering 52 per cent of Murray's ordinary shares, will get its holding down to 75 per cent by the issue of some 16m new ordinary shares in the coming months in exchange for the acquisition of new assets.

Although yesterday's share placing was at a 7 per cent discount to that offered in the bid, the fund will still show an overall gain on the takeover, since it had built up a stake of some 24.8 per cent in Murray's ordinary shares at a large discount to net asset value.

# Wm Collins' £5m Norton Opax deal

BY DAVID GOODHART

WINNIE THE POOH, Beatrix Potter and Adrian Mole stationery will be joining publishers William Collins next year as part of its £5.3m cash purchase of three book retailing and stationery companies from specialist printer, Norton Opax.

The companies are: Claude Gill books, which operates seven bookshops, Foolscap, which owns four "designer" stationery and giftware shops, and Hunkydory Design, which develops and markets designer stationery and owns stationery licences for the above mentioned books.

The acquisitions reflect the growing interest of publishers in retailing and marketing and the developing importance of designer stationery. Octopus already has a strong presence in the latter field through Tiger Print.

Collins, which has been developing more of a suitable buy in the U.S., stressed that Hunkydory represented an important new growth area for

its previously minor stationery division.

The stationery division last year had a turnover of about £12m out of a group total of £123.6m. The three companies bought had pre-tax profits of £541,000 in the year to March 31 1985. Turnover was approximately £2m for Hunkydory, Claude Gill £4m and Foolscap £1m. Collins' profits last year were £11.75m.

Collins said Claude Gill and Hunkydory, its existing retail chain, would remain separately managed. The existing managements of the three companies are staying with Collins. Mr Ian Chapman, chairman of Collins, said: "This is another part of the growth jigsaw but our eyes are also set on the U.S. market."

Norton Opax acquired the three companies as part of its purchase of Sir Joseph Causton in February. The sale will reduce the company's core design and allow it to concentrate more on mainstream businesses.

William Collins share price closed unchanged at 88p.

# Osborne buys Tamesa for £400,000

Osborne & Little, the wallpaper and fabric designer which came to the United Securities Market earlier this year, has bought Tamesa Fabrics, a private company which designs and sells high quality furnishing fabrics, for £400,000 through a vendor placing of 205,466 shares.

Tamesa, which had pre-tax profits of £57,000 in the year to March 1985, on sales of £225,000, is known for plain and textured fabrics, made from natural yarns, which had not previously appeared in Osborne & Little's range.

# Falcon Resources in talks over £22m energy deal

BY FRANK KANE

Falcon Resources, the oil and gas explorer and producer operating exclusively in the U.S., is negotiating a purchase which could more than double its size.

Dealing in the shares were suspended yesterday by request of the company in two main areas. One is investment trusts and funds with interests in companies at an early stage in their development, and individual holdings in unlisted companies in the UK and abroad. The other

dozen people and he could not guarantee security. The deal will be all-share and be wanted to ensure an orderly market prior to its conclusion.

It is understood the purchases will consist of energy interests in the south and western U.S. and will cost about £22m. At the suspension price, Falcon's current market capitalisation is about £20m.

Details of the deal will be published in the next 15 days, said Mr Monk. The identity of the vendor has not been disclosed.

# Wm Low tops forecast and heads for further growth

THE SCOTTISH and north of England supermarket and freezer centre group Wm Low & Company has turned in pre-tax profits of £2.7m for the 53 weeks ended September 7 1985. This is an improvement on the minimum £2.1m forecast in the rights issue document and a £1.6m increase over the result for 1984.

During the current year the directors foresee a further advance in profits, to which the recent acquisition of Lewis Stores should make a contribution.

Beyond that, they say the development programme "should ensure that the results achieved will be to the shareholders' benefit and to the company's advantage." The rights issue of April raised almost £15m and eliminated borrowing, so the company is again poised to invest in further developments, the directors state.

Borrowings are expected to rise again in the current year as the company starts on a capital expenditure programme of around £15m.

In the year turnover rose by 34 per cent from £124.2m to £206.67m — including Lewis Stores — the rise was 12.5 per cent. Although there were no new openings, sales volume increased by about 7 per cent. The company produced a further gain in operating margins to 4.26 per cent before interest. Operating profit was £7.1m (£5.75m).

After the year's end, the company's £22.6m loss to £200,000, which is a substantial improvement on the position inherited at takeover, the directors said.

Group profit was struck after interest charges of £978,000 (£885,000) and included a gain on sale of assets £134,000 (£6,000). Tax charges £2,06m (£2.23m) to leave earnings at 39.13p (30.19p) per share, or 32.95p (27.19p) excluding deferred tax. The final dividend is the promised 5p for a 15p net total (10p).

The directors say to some extent the new building programme has been overshadowed by the acquisition of Lewis, which has added 36 stores in the north-east of England and south-east of Scotland, covering 166,000 sq ft of selling space.

During 1985, the company will open new stores in Banff, Dingwall, Inverurie and Dunbar, together with extensions in St Andrews and Perth. This will add a further £5,000 sq ft.

The Lewisfree side of the business is being expanded, based on a marketing approach which combines the core dependence on frozen foodstuffs with a limited range of convenience items from the traditional grocery range.

The expansion programme is putting pressure on distribution facilities. In spite of some planned geographic rationalisation, the company's new stores are being required, and more jobs created, on this side of the business.

Share prices of the regional supermarket groups were on the move yesterday as the speculative-minded City decided that Safeway's £100m fundraising in May 1984 — the first of a series of rights issues — was a UK acquisition. The extra 8p on the Wm Low's price to 685p was more in sympathy with the sector than a comment on the price which would have been the earlier rights issue. Forecast Low has found it impossible to get new store openings — the last one in May 1984 — but at least the lack of foot and cost has helped margins to rise to a record 4.26 per cent at the operating level. But after four years of improving margins, 1985-86 could be the year to reverse that trend as the new opening programme gets under way again and price competition heats up.

Agility in promotional activities are evidently not hurting in group terms but they cannot be helping either. However, the turnaround of loss-making Lewis Stores, Lewis' first move south of the border, should impact this year helping the group to at least £8m pre-tax. Assuming a 35 per cent tax charge, although Lewis' profits could flow through intact thanks to earlier losses, the p/e drops to 18 — that is a fancy rating but then the sector is full of fancy ratings.

# DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED

Company	Current payment	Date of payment	Corresponding dividend	Total last year
Brey Technologies Int. 1	Nov 2	1	—	2.75
Feeder 0.5	Nov 7	11	—	0.5
Flight Refuelling Int. 1.35†	Dec 18	1.1	—	3.13
Henderson Op. 2.5	Dec 18	2.25	—	6
Wm Low 8†	Jan 6	7.1	12	10
Murray Electronics 0.1	Dec 2	0.15†	0.1	0.15†
New Duvion Int. 1.25†	Jan 15	1	—	2.7
Reed Internat. 6.5	Jan 7	5.75	—	18.5

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Bank of India 11 1/2%	Mount Credit Corp. Ltd 11 1/2%
Bank of Scotland 11 1/2%	National City Bank 11 1/2%
Banque Belge Ltd 11 1/2%	National Giro Bank 11 1/2%
Barclays Bank 11 1/2%	National Westminster 11 1/2%
Beneficial Trust Ltd 12 1/2%	Northern Bank Ltd 11 1/2%
Birt Bank Mid East 11 1/2%	R. Nabholz & Sons 11 1/2%
Brown Shipley 11 1/2%	People's Trust 12 1/2%
CL Bank Nederland 11 1/2%	PK Financ. Intl. (UK) 12%
Canada Permanent 11 1/2%	Provincial Trust Ltd 12%
Cayzer Ltd 11 1/2%	R. Raphael & Sons 11 1/2%
Cedar Holdings 12%	Roxburgh Guarantees 12%
Charterhouse Japhet 11 1/2%	Royal Bank of Scotland 11 1/2%
Choulatons 11 1/2%	Royal Trust Co Canada 11 1/2%
Citibank 11 1/2%	Standard Chartered 11 1/2%
Citibank Savings 11 1/2%	TCB 11 1/2%
City Merchants Bank 11 1/2%	Trustee Savings Bank 11 1/2%
Clydesdale Bank 11 1/2%	United Bank of Kuwait 11 1/2%
C. M. Coates & Co Ltd 12%	United Mercantile Bank 11 1/2%
First Nat. Sec. Ltd 12 1/2%	Wabco Bank Corp. 11 1/2%
Consolidated Credits 11 1/2%	Whiteway Ltd 12%
Continental Trust Ltd 11 1/2%	Yorkshire Bank 11 1/2%
Co-operative Bank 11 1/2%	
The Cyprus Popular Bk. 11 1/2%	
Dunelm Lewis 11 1/2%	
E. T. Trust 12%	
Exeter Trust Ltd 12%	
Financial & Gen. Sec. 11 1/2%	
First Nat. Fin. Corp. 12 1/2%	
First Nat. Sec. Ltd 12 1/2%	
Robert Fleming & Co. 11 1/2%	
Robert Fraser & Pte. 12 1/2%	
Grindlays Bank 11 1/2%	
Guinness Mahon 11 1/2%	

NEW ISSUES October 30, 1985



\$1,000,000,000

9.85% Debentures

Dated November 6, 1985 Due November 10, 1989

Series SM-1989-L Cusip No. 313586 TT 6

Non-Callable

Price 100%

\$500,000,000

10.60% Debentures

Dated November 6, 1985 Due November 10, 1995

Series SM-1995-F Cusip No. 313586 TU 3

Non-Callable

Price 100%

The debentures are the obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, and are issued under the authority contained in Section 304(b) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq.).

This offering is made by the Federal National Mortgage Association through its Vice President-Fiscal Office with the assistance of a nationwide Selling Group of recognized dealers in securities.

Debentures will be available in Book-Entry form only. There will be no definitive securities offered.

Joseph G. Brown

Vice President-Fiscal Office

100 Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10005

This announcement appears as a matter of record only.

# Brent Walker Holdings PLC

## Interim Results

- Pre-tax profits up 90% to £1,558,000
- All divisions continuing to show excellent performance
- A balanced spread of profits

	28 weeks to 14.7.85 Unaudited £000's	28 weeks to 15.7.84 Unaudited £000's	52 weeks to 31.12.84 Audited £000's
Turnover	9,154	6,750	19,066
Profit before taxation	1,558	821	2,090
Profit after taxation	1,402	821	2,033

# Reed International PLC

Reed House, 83 Piccadilly, London W1A 1EJ.

## Consolidated Profit Statement for the half-year ended 29 September 1985

Year to 31 March 1985	Historical Cost (Unaudited) £ million	Half-Year Ended 29 Sept 1985	30 Sept 1984
1367.1		615.9	700.0
748.1		353.8	338.6
2115.2		969.7	1038.6
67.6		29.6	31.1
59.5		29.3	24.5
127.1		58.9	55.6
1.4		0.2	0.2
68.2		30.0	32.3
60.3		29.1	23.5
128.5		59.1	55.8
(21.0)		(8.0)	(10.6)
53.1		23.1	24.6
54.4		28.0	20.6
107.5		51.1	45.2
(21.8)		(8.6)	(10.0)
(21.5)		(12.7)	(8.6)
(43.3)		(21.3)	(18.6)
64.2		29.8	26.6
(0.3)		(0.1)	(0.1)
(0.2)		(0.1)	(0.1)
63.7		29.6	26.4
53.6p		24.9p	22.2p

The figures for the year to 31 March 1985 are abridged from the Group's full accounts for that period, which received an unqualified auditors' report and have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

PROFIT before taxation for the half-year to 29 September 1985 was £51.1m compared with £45.2m for the first half of last year, an increase of 13%. Earnings per share increased by 12% to 24.9p.

Considerable progress has been made in restructuring the Group. Following the divestment last year of Mirror Group Newspapers, London & Provincial Posters and Spicer-Cowan, all the Decorative Products businesses were divested in the first half of this year and the UK Building Products activities were sold in October. A total of £116m has been realised from divestments in the year to date. The results of the discontinued activities are classified separately in the table below.

Acquisitions costing £86m were made in the half-year and included: R R Bowker (a leading New York publishing house); The St James Press Group (UK hotel guides); Morgan Communications (regional newspapers); and Deer-O Paints in the United States. The additional profit contributed by these acquisitions in the half-year was not significant.

Year to 31 March 1985	£ million (unaudited)	Half-Year Ended 29 Sept 1985	30 Sept 1984
57.2		20.9	18.9
11.0		2.5	5.5
17.4		9.3	9.3
18.4		12.4	9.9
8.2		2.7	3.2
2.3		3.8	—
5.2		8.0	3.7
3.4		1.6	1.6
(7.9)		(4.2)	(3.6)
115.2		57.0	48.5
11.9		1.9	7.1
127.1		58.9	55.6

## Trading Conditions

Most operations encountered difficult volume conditions both in the UK and North American markets.

Reed Publishing continued strongly in the UK and increased market share in the United States despite difficult conditions but Consumer Publishing suffered from weak advertising demand in the women's weekly magazines.

Packaging and the slimmed down European Paper operations increased profit through strict control of costs and the benefit of past rationalisation.

Poor weather and the low level of new building starts in the UK contributed to slack demand for Paint and DIY products.

With the benefit of capital expenditure to expand capacity and upgrade the newsprint mill in Quebec, the North American Paper group improved profits in a highly competitive market.

Approximately half the Group's profit arose overseas. Average exchange rates are used for profit translation. The impact of exchange fluctuations on the reported results of the half-year compared with the first half of last year was negligible.

## Current Cost Results

The CCA profit before taxation for the half-year was £39.6m (1984: £21.4m). CCA profit after tax was £18.3m (1984: £2.8m) giving Earnings per Share of 15.2p (1984: 2.2p).

Current Cost earnings have improved in the UK with the easing of material prices.

## Dividends

The Board has declared an Interim Dividend of 6.5p per share, an increase of 13% on the 5.75p interim dividend paid last year. The dividend costing £7.7m (last year £6.8m) will be payable on 7 January 1986 to shareholders on the register on 29 November 1985.

## CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY LIMITED

U.S. \$80,000,000

Revolving Underwriting Facility

Due 1990

(Series 2)

Notice is hereby given that for

the one month interest period

from the 31st October 1985

to 29th November 1985 the

following will apply:—

(1) Rate of interest 8.225% pa

(2) Interest amount US\$3,312.85

per US\$500,000 nominal

(3) Interest payment date 29th

November 1985

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# EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

## US\$25,000,000 15 1/2% Bonds due 1993

S.G. WARBURG & CO. LTD., announce that Bonds for the nominal amount of US\$25,000,000 have been drawn in the presence of a Notary Public for the redemption instalment due 1st December, 1985.

The distinctive numbers of all Bonds drawn for redemption and with the digit 5, within the range of 5 to 4995 inclusive.

On 1st December, 1985 there will become due and payable upon each Bond drawn for redemption, the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date at the office of—

S.G. WARBURG & CO. LTD.,  
33 King William Street,  
London EC4R 8AS,

or with one of the other paying agents named on the Bonds.

Interest will cease to accrue on the Bonds called for redemption on and after 1st December, 1985 and Bonds so presented for payment must have attached all Coupons maturing after that date.

US\$20,000,000 nominal amount of Bonds will remain outstanding after 1st December, 1985.

Some of the Bonds drawn for redemption on 1st December, 1984 with serial numbers ending in the digit 3 in the range 3 to 4993 have not yet been presented for payment.

33 King William Street,  
London EC4R 8AS 31st October, 1985

# U.S. \$125,000,000



## FLOATING RATE DEBENTURES, SERIES 6, DUE 1991

(Subordinated to deposits and other liabilities)

For the six months  
31st October, 1985 to 30th April, 1986

In accordance with the provisions of the Debenture, notice is hereby given that the rate of interest has been fixed at 8 1/2 per cent and that the interest payable on the relevant interest payment date, 30th April, 1986, against Coupon No. 9 will be U.S. \$427.36.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company  
London

## NOTICE OF REDEMPTION to Holders of

# BARCLAYS BANK PLC.

(formerly Barclays Bank International Limited)

8 1/4% Capital Bonds 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in satisfaction of the obligations imposed by Condition 5(A) of the Terms and Conditions applicable to the Bonds, the Bonds bearing the serial numbers listed below have been redeemed in full.

approved by the Trustee for redemption on 1st December 1985 at their principal amount.

32	39	46	53	60	67	74	81	88	95	102	109	116	123	130	137	144	151	158	165	172	179	186	193	200	207	214	221	228	235	242	249	256	263	270	277	284	291	298	305	312	319	326	333	340	347	354	361	368	375	382	389	396	403	410	417	424	431	438	445	452	459	466	473	480	487	494	501	508	515	522	529	536	543	550	557	564	571	578	585	592	599	606	613	620	627	634	641	648	655	662	669	676	683	690	697	704	711	718	725	732	739	746	753	760	767	774	781	788	795	802	809	816	823	830	837	844	851	858	865	872	879	886	893	900	907	914	921	928	935	942	949	956	963	970	977	984	991	998	1005	1012	1019	1026	1033	1040	1047	1054	1061	1068	1075	1082	1089	1096	1103	1110	1117	1124	1131	1138	1145	1152	1159	1166	1173	1180	1187	1194	1201	1208	1215	1222	1229	1236	1243	1250	1257	1264	1271	1278	1285	1292	1299	1306	1313	1320	1327	1334	1341	1348	1355	1362	1369	1376	1383	1390	1397	1404	1411	1418	1425	1432	1439	1446	1453	1460	1467	1474	1481	1488	1495	1502	1509	1516	1523	1530	1537	1544	1551	1558	1565	1572	1579	1586	1593	1600	1607	1614	1621	1628	1635	1642	1649	1656	1663	1670	1677	1684	1691	1698	1705	1712	1719	1726	1733	1740	1747	1754	1761	1768	1775	1782	1789	1796	1803	1810	1817	1824	1831	1838	1845	1852	1859	1866	1873	1880	1887	1894	1901	1908	1915	1922	1929	1936	1943	1950	1957	1964	1971	1978	1985	1992	1999	2006	2013	2020	2027	2034	2041	2048	2055	2062	2069	2076	2083	2090	2097	2104	2111	2118	2125	2132	2139	2146	2153	2160	2167	2174	2181	2188	2195	2202	2209	2216	2223	2230	2237	2244	2251	2258	2265	2272	2279	2286	2293	2300	2307	2314	2321	2328	2335	2342	2349	2356	2363	2370	2377	2384	2391	2398	2405	2412	2419	2426	2433	2440	2447	2454	2461	2468	2475	2482	2489	2496	2503	2510	2517	2524	2531	2538	2545	2552	2559	2566	2573	2580	2587	2594	2601	2608	2615	2622	2629	2636	2643	2650	2657	2664	2671	2678	2685	2692	2699	2706	2713	2720	2727	2734	2741	2748	2755	2762	2769	2776	2783	2790	2797	2804	2811	2818	2825	2832	2839	2846	2853	2860	2867	2874	2881	2888	2895	2902	2909	2916	2923	2930	2937	2944	2951	2958	2965	2972	2979	2986	2993	3000	3007	3014	3021	3028	3035	3042	3049	3056	3063	3070	3077	3084	3091	3098	3105	3112	3119	3126	3133	3140	3147	3154	3161	3168	3175	3182	3189	3196	3203	3210	3217	3224	3231	3238	3245	3252	3259	3266	3273	3280	3287	3294	3301	3308	3315	3322	3329	3336	3343	3350	3357	3364	3371	3378	3385	3392	3399	3406	3413	3420	3427	3434	3441	3448	3455	3462	3469	3476	3483	3490	3497	3504	3511	3518	3525	3532	3539	3546	3553	3560	3567	3574	3581	3588	3595	3602	3609	3616	3623	3630	3637	3644	3651	3658	3665	3672	3679	3686	3693	3700	3707	3714	3721	3728	3735	3742	3749	3756	3763	3770	3777	3784	3791	3798	3805	3812	3819	3826	3833	3840	3847	3854	3861	3868	3875	3882	3889	3896	3903	3910	3917	3924	3931	3938	3945	3952	3959	3966	3973	3980	3987	3994	4001	4008	4015	4022	4029	4036	4043	4050	4057	4064	4071	4078	4085	4092	4099	4106	4113	4120	4127	4134	4141	4148	4155	4162	4169	4176	4183	4190	4197	4204	4211	4218	4225	4232	4239	4246	4253	4260	4267	4274	4281	4288	4295	4302	4309	4316	4323	4330	4337	4344	4351	4358	4365	4372	4379	4386	4393	4400	4407	4414	4421	4428	4435	4442	4449	4456	4463	4470	4477	4484	4491	4498	4505	4512	4519	4526	4533	4540	4547	4554	4561	4568	4575	4582	4589	4596	4603	4610	4617	4624	4631	4638	4645	4652	4659	4666	4673	4680	4687	4694	4701	4708	4715	4722	4729	4736	4743	4750	4757	4764	4771	4778	4785	4792	4799	4806	4813	4820	4827	4834	4841	4848	4855	4862	4869	4876	4883	4890	4897	4904	4911	4918	4925	4932	4939	4946	4953	4960	4967	4974	4981	4988	4995	5002	5009	5016	5023	5030	5037	5044	5051	5058	5065	5072	5079	5086	5093	5100	5107	5114	5121	5128	5135	5142	5149	5156	5163	5170	5177	5184	5191	5198	5205	5212	5219	5226	5233	5240	5247	5254	5261	5268	5275	5282	5289	5296	5303	5310	5317	5324	5331	5338	5345	5352	5359	5366	5373	5380	5387	5394	5401	5408	5415	5422	5429	5436	5443	5450	5457	5464	5471	5478	5485	5492	5499	5506	5513	5520	5527	5534	5541	5548	5555	5562	5569	5576	5583	5590	5597	5604	5611	5618	5625	5632	5639	5646	5653	5660	5667	5674	5681	5688	5695	5702	5709	5716	5723	5730	5737	5744	5751	5758	5765	5772	5779	5786	5793	5800	5807	5814	5821	5828	5835	5842	5849	5856	5863	5870	5877	5884	5891	5898	5905	5912	5919	5926	5933	5940	5947	5954	5961	5968	5975	5982	5989	5996	6003	6010	6017	6024	6031	6038	6045	6052	6059	6066	6073	6080	6087	6094	6101	6108	6115	6122	6129	6136	6143	6150	6157	6164	6171	6178	6185	6192	6199	6206	6213	6220	6227	6234	6241	6248	6255	6262	6269	6276	6283	6290	6297	6304	6311	6318	6325	6332	6339	6346	6353	6360	6367	6374	6381	6388	6395	6402	6409	6416	6423	6430	6437	6444	6451	6458	6465	6472	6479	6486	6493	6500	6507	6514	6521	6528	6535	6542	6549	6556	6563	6570	6577	6584	6591	6598	6605	6612	6619	6626	6633	6640	6647	6654	6661	6668	6675	6682	6689	6696	6703	6710	6717	6724	6731	6738	6745	6752	6759	6766	6773	6780	6787	6794	6801	6808	6815	6822	6829	6836	6843	6850	6857	6864	6871	6878	6885	6892	6899	6906	6913	6920	6927	6934	6941	6948	6955	6962	6969	6976	6983	6990	6997	7004	7011	7018	7025	7032	7039	7046	7053	7060	7067	7074	7081	7088	7095	7102	7109	7116	7123	7130	7137	7144	7151	7158	7165	7172	7179	7186	7193	7200	7207	7214	7221	7228	7235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and on 160,000 square feet of new industrial space which together should produce annual rents of \$180,000.

Two directors of the company, Mr. Colin Holmes and Mr. Richard Young, who together held 8.5m shares, will not be taking up their rights until next year.

**U.S. \$150,000,000**  
**Midland International**  
**Financial Services B.V.**  
*(Incorporated with limited liability in the Netherlands)*

**Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes 1991**  
Guaranteed on a subordinated basis as to payment of principal and interest by

**Midland Bank plc**

For the six months from 31st October, 1985 to 30th April, 1986 the interest will carry on interest rate of 9 1/8% annum.

On 30th April, 1985 interest of U.S.\$22.25 will be due on U.S.\$5,000,000 Notes for Coupon No. 10.

**Agent Bank:**  
**European Banking Company Limited**

**Strong & Fisher Group**

**Clothing Leather Manufacturers**

**3%**



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## UK ECONOMIC INDICATORS

**ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**—Indices of industrial production, manufacturing output (1980=100); engineering orders (1980=100); retail sales volume (1978=100); retail sales value (1980=100); registered unemployment (excluding school leavers) and unfilled vacancies (000s). All seasonally adjusted.

	Indl. prod.	Mfg. output	Eng. order	Retail vol.	Retail value	Unem. played	Vacs.
1984							
3rd qtr.	102.3	101.3	107	111.4	122.3	3.076	165.1
4th qtr.	103.4	101.2	106	112.7	124.0	3.183	164.1
1985							
1st qtr.	106.0	102.7	103	113.3	133.9	3.139	160.8
2nd qtr.	106.0	103.1	101	115.0	141.4	3.174	172.1
3rd qtr.	106.0	103.1	101	116.5	141.4	3.180	179.6
February	105.3	102.4	108	112.7	130.2	3.144	159.7
March	107.1	103.5	101	113.9	136.5	3.147	162.9
April	107.8	102.9	87	113.5	140.3	3.176	169.8
May	108.2	102.4	98	115.3	142.0	3.177	170.7
June	107.9	104.0	118	116.0	141.5	3.189	175.9
July	106.3	101.4	97	116.9	146.9	3.175	176.9
August	106.8	102.9	117	117.5	145.4	3.183	177.7
September	106.8	102.9	115.9	117.5	145.4	3.189	184.2

**OUTPUT**—By market sector: consumer goods, investment goods, intermediate goods (materials and fuels); engineering output, metal manufacturing, textiles, leather and clothing (1980=100); housing starts (000s, monthly average).

	Consumer goods	Invest. goods	Intmd. goods	Eng. output	Metal mfg.	Textile	Hous. starts
1984							
2nd qtr.	101.6	96.8	105.3	98.8	107.6	97.7	18.2
3rd qtr.	102.0	97.7	104.6	100.2	110.8	98.2	16.2
4th qtr.	102.5	98.3	106.1	99.7	107.2	99.4	13.3
1985							
1st qtr.	102.5	102.2	109.2	102.2	112.1	98.3	13.2
2nd qtr.	102.2	102.5	113.2	102.6	121.6	98.5	18.6
3rd qtr.	102.7	101.2	108.2	103.0	111.0	99.0	13.2
February	103.1	104.0	119.4	104.0	115.0	98.0	16.6
March	103.1	104.0	124.4	103.0	120.0	98.0	17.9
April	101.9	102.2	124.4	103.0	122.0	97.0	19.9
May	101.3	102.4	124.4	103.0	122.0	98.0	17.9
June	103.4	103.7	121.1	105.0	123.0	98.0	17.9
July	100.5	100.7	111.7	101.0	122.0	98.0	18.4
August	102.3	102.6	110.9	104.0	124.0	99.0	18.9

**EXTERNAL TRADE**—Indices of export and import volume (1980=100); visible balance; current balance (€m); oil balance (€m); terms of trade (1980=100); excluding reserves.

	Export volume	Import volume	Visible balance	Current balance	Oil balance	Terms of trade	Resv. balance
1984							
3rd qtr.	109.9	122.7	-1.615	-383	+1.804	97.2	15.26
4th qtr.	119.7	129.1	-1.313	-424	+1.498	96.6	15.52
1985							
1st qtr.	120.5	128.5	-1.283	-535	+1.862	96.5	13.53
2nd qtr.	120.6	126.0	-222	-1.183	+2.368	98.2	14.32
3rd qtr.	115.9	121.1	-150	-1.250	+2.042	100.8	14.18
February	123.6	127.5	-241	-12	+675	96.2	15.25
March	119.6	136.8	-977	-704	+280	96.5	13.53
April	121.9	130.2	-289	-210	+887	97.3	14.03
May	118.4	126.9	-216	-252	+843	98.1	14.32
June	118.4	126.9	-216	-252	+843	98.1	14.32
July	115.9	122.6	-56	-344	+693	99.5	14.26
August	112.3	122.7	-194	-206	+667	101.3	14.26
September	114.5	124.1	-206	-200	+682	101.1	14.18

**FINANCIAL**—Money supply M0, M1 and sterling M3, bank advances in sterling to the private sector (three months' growth at annual rate); building societies' net inflow; HP, new credit; all seasonally adjusted. Clearing Bank base rate (end period).

	M0	M1	M3	advances	inflow	ending	Rate
1984							
3rd qtr.	5.3	10.2	6.3	9.9	1.628	2.813	10.50
4th qtr.	5.6	24.3	13.4	16.9	2.492	2.446	9.63
1985							
1st qtr.	2.2	0.7	9.1	15.2	1.511	3.166	12.50
2nd qtr.	5.1	32.4	20.4	12.2	1.523	3.044	12.50
3rd qtr.	5.5	15.4	11.6	17.5	1.771	11.50	11.50
February	3.1	5.0	4.6	13.3	474	14.00	14.00
March	1.2	1.2	9.2	16.0	214	9.65	12.50
April	5.4	22.2	18.3	19.5	307	10.61	12.53
May	4.2	33.2	18.4	17.7	1.043	12.63	12.63
June	5.7	44.6	25.1	20.2	401	9.61	12.50
July	4.4	19.1	8.3	16.3	680	1.129	11.50
August	2.4	22.9	14.4	21.8	524	1.116	11.50
September	1.1	5.2	12.4	14.2	587	11.50	11.50

**INFLATION**—Indices of earnings (Jan 1980=100); basic materials and fuels, wholesale prices of manufactured products (1980=100); retail prices and food prices (1974=100); FT commodity index (July 1982=100); trade weighted value of sterling (1975=100).

	Earn- ings*	Basic mats.	Whsale, mngg.*	RPI*	Foodst*	PT* comdy. Strg	
1984							
3rd qtr.	196.6	124.1	132.8	353.9	326.3	288.95	78.0
4th qtr.	164.1	140.1	134.3	358.3	326.3	288.64	74.1
1985							
1st qtr.	165.4	146.2	136.6	362.9	332.8	295.22	72.6
2nd qtr.	170.3	138.8	138.4	372.3	333.4	278.13	78.9
3rd qtr.	164.6	147.6	136.6	362.7	332.5	285.73	71.3
February	168.1	145.5	137.5	366.1	334.4	285.22	73.7
March	169.4	140.8	138.2	373.9	338.8	285.08	78.0
April	169.4	138.8	138.5	375.6	338.2	279.98	78.7
May	171.9	136.7	138.4	376.4	340.1	278.13	78.6
June	172.7	134.0	138.9	378.7	335.3	289.51	83.6
July	173.5	132.0	140.1	376.7	335.3	254.34	81.6
August	173.5	132.0	140.5	376.5	335.3	251.12	81.4
September							

\* Not seasonally adjusted.

## UK COMPANIES

## Brent Walker on course to reach £3.5m

Brent Walker, the leisure group which returned to the stock market in May after a two-year absence, yesterday reported half-year pre-tax profits of £1.56m, against £0.8m, and expressed confidence that its full year forecast of £3.5m will be achieved.

The company also announced that it will be exercising its option to buy the Brighton Marina for £13m, which it plans to turn into a residential and leisure complex. The purchase is likely to occur within the next two weeks and will follow the signing of a contract with a contractor to build 500 houses on the Marina.

Since the flotation, Brent Walker has obtained full planning permission for the development of the marina, which will include an 80,000 sq ft superstore, for which a contract has been signed with a major retailer. The company expects the superstore to be operating within two years and the whole project to be complete in five years.

Two months ago Brent Walker sold its lease of Oxford Walk shopping centre and a casino in Bourneville, which together had been making annual losses of around £750,000. Neither sale resulted in a significant surplus over book value.

The interim results to July 14 1985 show a smaller proportional contribution from film and video, down from about 30 per cent of pre-tax profits to about 62 per cent. The company hopes that by next year its dependence on film will be reduced to less than 50 per cent.

Turnover was £9.2m (£6.8m), and interest payable was £281,000 (£251,000). Profit after tax was £1.4m (£221,000) and earnings per share were 9.2p (6.2p). There is no interim dividend, but the final dividend is forecast at 3.5p.

## Feedex restores interim as profits hit £421,000

PROGRESS all round has enabled Feedex Agricultural Industries to overcome last year's setback and record a profit before tax of £421,000 for the first half of 1985.

The directors are confident that the good progress made will be maintained in the remainder of the year. They are restoring interim dividends—after a lapse in 1984—with a payment of 0.5p net.

After returning a pre-tax figure of £24,000 for the first half of last year, the group went on to make £205,000 for the full term, but suffered extraordinary charges of £650,000. In 1983 pre-tax profit was £281,000.

This time profits from animal feeds surged from £170,000 to £306,000, the engineering loss of £230,000 was turned into a profit of £76,000, pig production and marketing contributed £115,000 (£59,000) and agricultural services £80,000 (£39,000). Interest charges were £311,000 (£309,000) including loan interest this time £145,000.

Turnover in the half year rose from £18.69m to £19.67m. Tax was £16,000 and minorities £5,000 (both nil). Leave earnings at 1.85p (0.25p) per share.

Mr D. W. Sawyer, chairman, says the following restructuring

of activities last year, the objective of having all companies trading profitably was achieved. Along with the profit increase has come a steady improvement in liquidity, although the benefit of this in cost terms has been offset by interest levels on average 4 per cent higher than in the corresponding period in 1984.

In the feed division market share has increased. The record tonnage sales achieved in 1984 continue to be exceeded in spite of intense competition, while the very low margins suffered in the early part of last year have recovered to more acceptable levels.

The company has continued the programme of investment in pig production units to maximise the benefits of its expertise. The pig production and marketing division is achieving a satisfactory return, aided by the reduction in feed prices and more stable market conditions, compared to those applicable in the early part of 1984.

In engineering there has been a return to profits and considerable efforts are being made to reduce the seasonality factor. Conditions remain somewhat uncertain in agriculture, but progress is being made in seeking to expand into industrial applications for products.

## Murray Electronics' nav falls

A FALL of more than 10p in the net asset value per share of Murray Electronics, investment company, is described as disappointing by directors. They say, however, it must be viewed against the severe recession in the electronics industry.

The fall in the U.S. dollar is also blamed for reducing the value from 87.55p to 87.52p at

July 31 1985. Directors recommended a single final dividend of 0.1p for the year (0.15p for the 18 months to July 31 1984).

The company's total full year revenue fell from £14.6m to £11.5m from which there were expenses of £294,945 (£1.12m) leaving a pre-tax profit of £220,851 (£242,582). Tax was £24,450 (£147,415).

## Management buyout at Dugdale

Executives of Dugdale underwriting agency in the Lloyd's insurance market are planning to buy out the remaining family interests, which amount to more than 40 per cent.

The buyout is backed by a financial institution which could get a 20 per cent stake. Discussions are still in progress, although agreement has been reached in principle.

The agency manages five Lloyd's insurance syndicates and affairs of 214 members. Its insurance interests can accept £51.5m in business which is expected to rise to £75m in 1986. The group, which is changing its name to Octavian Underwriting, also has investment management responsibility for portfolios in excess of £80m.

## BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY	FUTURE DATES
Interim: Airflow Streamlines, Coates Brothers, Bassett, Edmund Holdings, Zilla and Goldstein, J. E. England, Cecil Gee, Greenhous, Hunting Group, Livers, Lap, Livers International, Portsmouth and Sunderland News, papers, Shire Investment, Solicitors Law, Simpson, J. Smart (Contractors).	Interim: Brunel-Borace Petroleum Syndicate, Ecobric, Future, Livers International, Goare Group, Hill Samuel, King and Shaxson, Sanbury (J.), W.A. Holdings, Whitbread.
Nov 7	Nov 7
Nov 8	Nov 8
Nov 9	Nov 9
Nov 10	Nov 10
Nov 11	Nov 11
Nov 12	Nov 12
Nov 13	Nov 13
Nov 14	Nov 14
Nov 15	Nov 15
Nov 16	Nov 16
Nov 17	Nov 17
Nov 18	Nov 18
Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov 20	Nov 20

## Public Works Loan Board rates

Effective October 30

Years	Quota loans repaid	Non-quota loans A* repaid
1	111	111
Over 1, up to 3	111	111
Over 2, up to 3	111	111
Over 3, up to 4	101	101
Over 4, up to 5	101	101
Over 5, up to 6	101	101
Over 6, up to 7	101	101
Over 7, up to 8	101	101
Over 8, up to 9	101	101
Over 9, up to 10	101	101
Over 10, up to 15	101	101
Over 15, up to 25	101	101
Over 25	101	101

\* Non-quota loans B are 1 per cent higher in each case than non-quota loans A. \* Equal instalments of principal. \* Repayment by half-yearly annuity (fixed equal half-yearly payments to include principal and interest). \* With half-yearly payments of interest only.

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31st October, 1985

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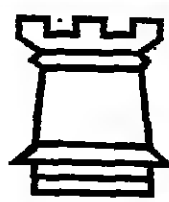
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## Budweiser

## A UK gamble on the taste of America

BY LISA WOOD

WATNEY MANN & TRUMAN, one of Britain's biggest brewers, is taking a gamble. For the company is seeking to make Budweiser, an American beer, one of its major players in the highly competitive beer market. The scale of the challenge is measured by the fact that two years ago market research showed a traditional antipathy to American beers among British drinkers who, nevertheless, have taken—like ducks to water—to Australian lagers and Bavarian-sounding brews. Other brewers in the search for new brands had also looked to America; earlier this year Allied Lyons announced it was to import and distribute Schlitz, produced by the Stroh Brewery Company of Detroit.

Similarly, Courage has Colt 45, a strong malt lager brewed under license since 1974 and available in 16 oz cans for the take-home trade. But whereas Allied and Courage have confined their American brands to the cult premium end of the bottled and canned market, Watney's intention has been to take its brand into the high volume draught beer market. It has been a strategy fraught with both technical problems and consumer resistance. Watney is now claiming it is successfully working on the former and has cracked the latter.

The idea of brewing an American beer was first examined by Watney in the early 1980s when the brewer was looking for another foreign lager to follow on the success of Fosters, brewed under licence from Elders, which is currently mounting a bid for Allied Lyons.

"Market research showed that the British drinker thought American beers to be weak and gassy," says Keith Holloway, Watney's commercial director. "But in contrast, our technical people were saying Bud was one of the finest beers in the world. Similarly it satisfied all our objective marketing

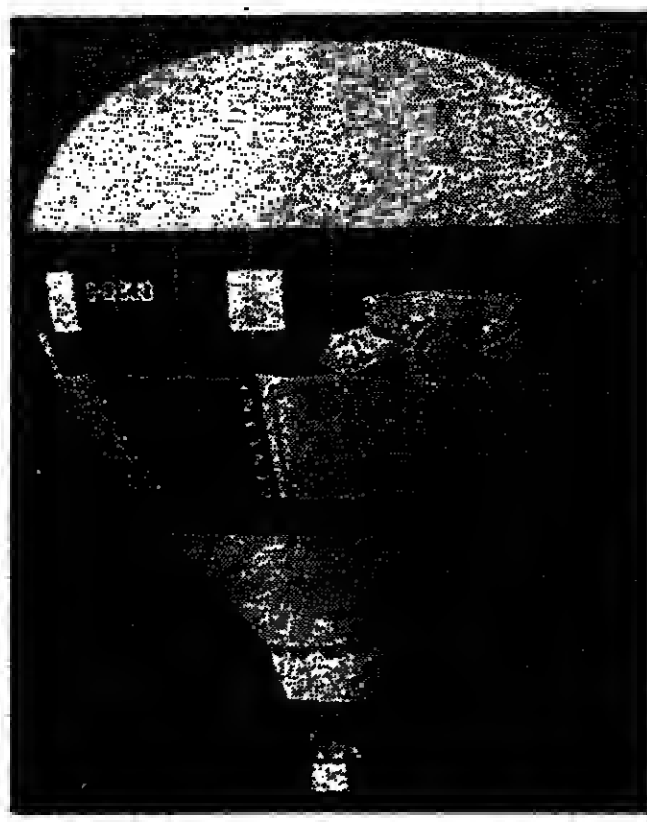
criteria—that is, that it should have a clean distinctive taste, should appeal to both sexes and be of premium strength.

"It seemed to us that the brand should be a goer," says Holloway, whose company signed a licensing agreement with Anheuser-Busch, the Mississippi-based brewer in December, 1983.

Anheuser, faced with a static US beer market, had been actively trying to get into European markets since 1981 when it set up its international division to this end. It was involved in discussions with Allied Lyons between 1980 and 1982 but the British brewer called a halt during, but not because of, long-running litigation between Anheuser and Budweiser Budvar, the Czech brewer, which has its own Budweiser brand, but has no connection with the American company. Anheuser ultimately reached agreement with the Czechs to market the Budweiser name outside of North America.

"We needed a chance to get into the EEC with a partner that had a great deal of expertise in handling a larger beer," says Harry Drnee, Anheuser's European director of marketing. Watney started test marketing the brand in mid-1984. Because of the scale of the investment that would be needed to launch Budweiser nationally, Watney started out in a small way to make sure it was on the right lines. In the UK it is the draught market rather than cans which has the biggest volume of beer sales.

The advertising was a primary concern. In the U.S., where Budweiser commands more than 20 per cent of beer sales, the brand is advertised as the "king of beers." Advertising, costing \$200m a year, is fairly mad; Drnee says it gives a "sanction" to the male to drink beer as a reward for hard work. "We felt the British public would not respond to advertisements proclaiming a foreign



This balloon will make at least 30 appearances over the coming year as part of the campaign to launch Budweiser draught nationally

brand to be a 'king of beers'," says Holloway. "Our market research showed us that putting over an American image was a minefield; young adults, our target audience, have very decided views about what was good and bad about America."

The image Watney wanted to create was that it was smart and stylish to drink Budweiser. "We decided to focus on the idea that successful people drink Bud," says Holloway. The result is two advertisements: one shows drinking Budweiser after surviving the rigours of a day's training; the other, a vignette of a pianist. Four months later Watney's market research showed a change of feeling towards American beer: "We had broken the British resistance," says Holloway. In October the brand was launched in the brewer's London pubs and achieved distribution in some 60 per cent of its free trade outlets.

Holloway concedes that Budweiser could compete against Watney's other brands, particularly Fosters. But, he says: "We have a philosophy of attacking our own brands—it keeps us on our toes." Not on the heels of the launch last month of the product on draught comes the second advertising phase which puts over the strength of the brew and its coolness.

Budweiser is considered by Anheuser to be best drunk at 4 degrees C—British beers are normally sold at around 8-10 degrees C. "To date we have had to install some 3,500 special fridges," grumbles Holloway. "That is a vast investment just to be able to dispense the product."

The brewing process itself has posed quite a headache to a company which ranks among Britain's most experienced brewers. Anheuser, like other major international brewers, insists its drink must taste the same wherever it is sold. "We have had very major problems in brewing Budweiser," says Holloway. "We tried to use European malt but it simply did not have the right taste so we are currently shipping all our malt from the U.S. The only native element is the water."

This problem is shared with Suntory in Japan which started a similar agreement with Anheuser last year. Other licensors are Labatt of Canada and National Brewers in Israel. "There is no profit coming through yet on Budweiser," says Holloway, "but we view it as a long-term investment. It will probably become one of our major brands in the future."

## Quebec advertising

## How good intentions had an unexpected result

BY TONY THOMPSON

HOW FAR does advertising affect the way consumers spend their marginal disposable income? And, can advertising have a positive social benefit to the community? Recent events in the Canadian province of Quebec may hold some solutions to these marketing conundrums.

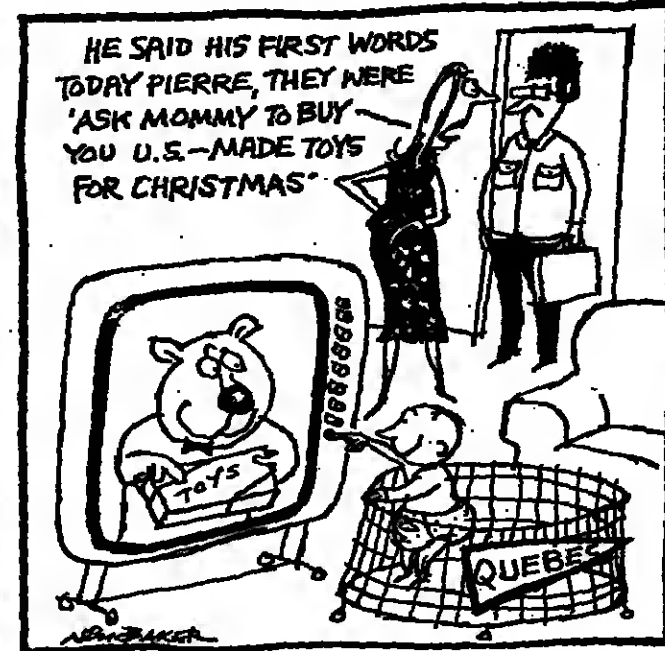
In 1980, Quebec's legislature enacted a law which virtually made it impossible to advertise products directly to children. By 1985 toy sales in the province were down by 25 per cent; and children's programming on commercial TV stations disappeared completely from the schedules, due to lack of advertising support.

The law itself was part of the "cultural revolution" programme of Rene Levesque's Parti Quebecois government, whose platform was independence for the province and the preservation of its "French" identity. Following a referendum, the PQ lost the independence issue. But many "culturally orientated" pieces of legislation found their way on to the province's statute book.

Most advertising to children originates from companies whose headquarters are in the U.S., and the well-meaning politicians wanted to ensure future generations of Quebecers were not brainwashed into the American way of life. A noble cause, most agreed—except the advertisers.

The result was that advertising during children's programming on Quebec TV stations dried up. The stations substituted adult shows during the traditional time slots for younger viewers. And the kids just punched their cable converters to pick up one of the U.S. border stations, for a so-called "free" service.

Quebec parents are, in the main, content not to have little Pierre or Yvette demanding the latest fad toy or screaming if they'll eat only some advertised brand of sugary cereal for breakfast. "It's become a motherhood issue," says Jean-Marie Allard, president of Copeq, the Council Generale de Publicite, the provincial asso-



ciation of "advertisers and agencies." The politicians don't change the law. It would be election suicide for them to do so.

The industry has reacted in two ways. The various associations concerned have been lobbying the Quebec government to make a change, so far unsuccessfully. But Irwin Toys, of Toronto, one of Canada's largest toy manufacturers and wholesalers, took a more belated stance.

Irwin continued to run its commercials on Quebec TV stations, maintaining that they complied with the law. The province disagreed, laying 200 charges against Irwin and its agency, P. H. Hayhurst Advertising, Toronto (now part of Saatchi and Saatchi).

Irwin and Hayhurst claimed that since neither had offices in Quebec province, the charges were served out of jurisdiction and were therefore invalid. At the first hearing, the allegations were withdrawn sine die. Meanwhile Irwin launched a civil case against the Quebec government claiming that the law was unconstitutional, contravening

the Canadian Charter of Rights. The case is still before the Quebec Superior Court of Appeal. Whatever the result, one side or the other is expected to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada—a process that could take several years.

The lobbying route has so far met with scant success. A joint Task Force, with the federal and provincial communications departments and Copeq taking part, last month reported recommending the status quo, but asked that the law be interpreted more liberally in favour of advertisers.

Whether the administrators will heed that plea is a moot point. But the media and the advertisers agree that some concessions are necessary. "It has become virtually impossible to advertise children's products on Quebec TV," says John Foss, president of the Association of Canadian Advertisers. "We would like to see the government there accept the same process used in the rest of Canada, where the industry follows the guidelines issued by the Canadian Advertising

Foundation. These voluntary regulations have worked well in the interests of both the public and the industry," says Foss. Since the regulations came into force, Mattel Canada has directed "all advertising to adults, although it is more costly to do so," says general manager Simon Dean. "The toy market in Quebec has declined by more than 20 per cent since 1980," he adds.

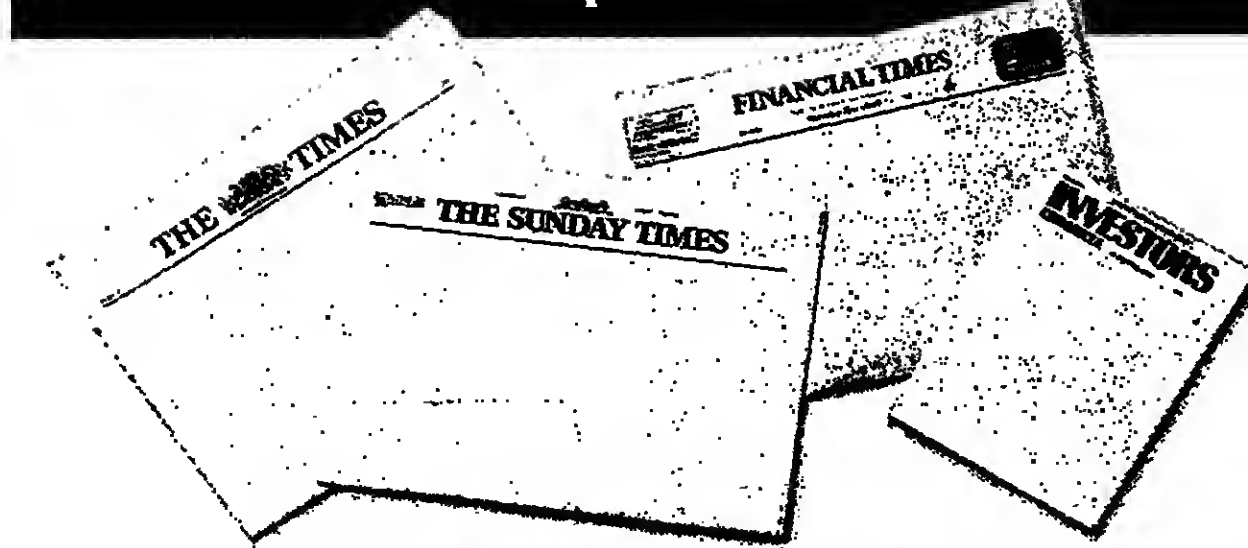
The toy industry has not been the only loser. A survey carried out by the federal government shows that the province's TV stations are losing C\$8m (\$4.2m) a year in advertising revenue as a direct result of the law. Industry experts say that the province's TV stations have been lost in producing programmes for children.

The advertising ban has not affected Radio Canada, the French language arm of the federally-owned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. "We have never allowed advertising during time slots allocated for children," says Jean-Marc Lefebvre, director of public relations. "But I did warn the government in my brief to them when they proposed the law in the late 1970s that it would lead to such programming drying up on commercially-owned stations. And it has come to pass."

The Task Force has also proposed that the government put pressure on Radio Quebec, which is funded by the province, to produce programmes for young viewers. At present Radio Quebec does not produce any such shows itself, but does air a weeknight programme produced by the Quebec Ministry of Education, "Passe-partout," a "Sesame Street" clone, aimed at the two-to-five age group, which claims an average 350,000 listeners.

A Radio Quebec spokeswoman says that there are no plans at present for the station to produce its own programmes. "For the present it seems clear that the status quo will remain all round; for advertisers, the media; and the children, who will continue to zap Quebec TV stations in favour of those south of the border."

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17	Three-phase disconnecting switch	35,800 units
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## LAW AND SOCIETY

## The Cyprus trial: Bentham's road to hell

By A. H. HERMANN, Legal Correspondent

FISH PSYCHOLOGISTS have established that a pike can learn, though only slowly. If you put one into a tank divided by a glass partition, and some small fish in the other compartment, the pike will dart after the glass barrier. Gradually, it will start slowing down, before its nose hits the partition. Finally, it will only feign the attack but each time turn back in a circle before it reaches the glass.

The same learning process, applied over the past 200 years, has conditioned the English law reformers. They never give up, but wisely turn back before they reach their noses. The most recent evidence of this prudent, though disappointing attitude is provided by the review of the politics of law reform by one of the former Law Commission members, Professor Stephen Cretney. He gives an insider's answer to the question why so many of the Law Commission's reports failed to be embodied in legislation—particularly those presented in the period 1977 till 1982, when over half of the law reform reports substantially failed to be implemented compared with only 15 per cent in the preceding period from 1965 to 1977.

He concludes, rightly I would say, that law reform is ultimately a political issue, and the belief that it can be achieved by giving more power to the lawyers is positively dangerous. But it sounds rather defeatist to argue that an analysis to its past experience may lead the Commission to drop some of its early ambitions... and that it might for example better use its resources in dealing with the numerous small-scale problems which reduce the efficiency of the legal system, for example in the land transfer process, rather than in the original ambitious plans for codification (the emphasis is mine).

It is, however, obvious that it will be of little use to remove the "small scale problems" so long as the basic faults remain. When it comes to the big problems, the government departments, perhaps with the exception of the Lord Chancellor's department, stand aloof, hear what the Commission has to say but rarely comment. They hope to maintain control over legis-

lation—or rather non-legislation—by keeping their cards close to their chests.

In the period preceding 1977, the Home Office was responsible for the non-implementation of the reports dealing with the law of landlord and tenant and the report dealing with the Formalities for Marriage (so that we have reformed divorce law which is under the Lord Chancellor's department, alongside an unreformed marriage law).

During 1985-77 the Home Office was not the only culprit: the judiciary, parliamentary draftsmen and solicitors succeeded in killing the Law Commission's proposals dealing with the interpretation of statutes—which, if implemented, would have made English law much more certain than it is. However, as Professor Cretney points out, in the five-year period 1977 to 1982 all the "unjustifiably" unimplemented reports dealt with criminal law, which is a Home Office responsibility.

Professor Cretney underlines that there is a disturbingly high correlation between (reports by) committees whose proposals go beyond mere reform of private law—for example, the Fisher Committee on One-Parent Families, the Payne Committee on Enforcement of Debt and the Pearson Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury—and non-implementation.

A common feature of these committees reports, and of most of the non-implemented reports of the Law Commission, is that they go beyond the technicalities of law and measure social issues by the yardstick of fairness which cannot be established without reference to some absolute notion of good and evil. The solution to such problems involves political decisions, but politicians are in this context badly served by academic lawyers, as well as those on both sides of the House of Commons who are imbued with the positivist and utilitarian doctrines of English jurisprudence.

In a most timely study of Bentham and Wigmore, Professor William Twining describes how Jeremy Bentham oscillated between emphasis on security and on efficiency in implementing substantive law

and the rejection of absolute notions of good and evil in favour of "the greatest happiness for the greatest number." These two aspects of "law and order" still bedevil English legal thought, as is revealed by some of the comments on the Cyprus spy trial disaster.

It is 161 years since Thomas Denham pointed out the weakness of the theory in the Edinburgh Review. "Mr Bentham's mode of treating criminals and accused persons does not appear to us quite philosophical in his balance, their interests and safety seem to weigh very little against the eagerness for the detection of crime and the infliction of punishment. Bentham saw that the defendant was not in fact treated as if he were innocent, but in his view "it would be absurd and inconsistent" to deal with him as if he were. He took rather a tough attitude towards the victims of miscarriage of justice in criminal trials.

Following in Bentham's footsteps, it is not surprising that the law officers high and low, as well as the officers of the military police, do not deserve to be pilloried... it is better that innocent men be arraigned, accused, tried, heard and eventually acquitted than that intelligence gathering vital to the nation's interests be compromised. This is hardly a little further when he said: "It is better that a hundred innocents should be hanged than that one enemy should escape." Although the seven from Cyprus were acquitted, a certain type of investigation and trial is itself capable of destroying the innocent suspect.

It is argued further that the seven from Cyprus "were handled with softness and consideration compared with the treatment they would have received at the hands of the KGB." This is hardly an acceptable defence of ill-treatment even if it was not so simplistic. I have seen people ready to confess to anything to escape the horrors of the interrogation and interrupted sleep.

It is very much a question of choosing the correct combination of victim and of methods. A strong, proud person can refuse to learn "confessions" or "testimonies" through protracted periods of incessant interrogations, alternatively brutal and persuasive. By contrast, young servicemen, trained to respect authority, without much self-confidence and possibly lacking the support of faith in absolute values, are an easy prey. From such "suspects" the interrogators can obtain confessions with relative "softness and consideration." The question is whether, once this path is entered, the interrogators can resist the temptation to use the full instrumentation necessary to break a more resistant subject.

The difficulty created by positivist lawyers who reject all reference to moral values is much wider. It embraces the keeping of innocent people in prison as well as the attitude of the court which held that the objects of Amnesty International did not benefit the public because they involve the application of moral pressure on foreign governments. Such an attitude would have never provided consumer protection against unfair contract terms applied to the interests of family above the rules of property ownership, as Lord Denning did in the UK and the neo-Rationalist judges do on the Continent.

Law reform should aim at more than "small scale problems," the solution of which would merely improve the efficiency of a bad system. The big problem, which must not be ignored, is this: to excuse a violation of human rights in the interests of expediency; to argue that freedom of contract should rule supreme, never mind consumers, battered wives or children; or to say that Amnesty International is a busy-body interfering with the rights of foreign governments, may be a road paved by Bentham's good intentions, but it leads to Hitler's and Stalin's hell.

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## APPOINTMENTS

## President of Iata

Mr Mohamed Mokone, president of the Moroccan flag airline Royal Air Maroc, has been elected president of the INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, representing 140 airlines world-wide, for 1985-86, writes Michael Dunn, in the West.

He succeeds Mr Helmut Ruhnau, chairman of Lufthansa, who has been the president of Iata for the past year.

Mr Mokone, who is also chairman of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation, has been prominent for many years in aviation activities on behalf of both Morocco and the Arab countries. His election is seen as a recognition of the changing character of the membership of the Iata. Of the world airline body's 140 members, more than half now come from the developing countries of the third world, and they have been playing an increasingly active role in the affairs of the association. At some time, a situation that is expected to continue.

Mr Malcolm Hinch and Mr Andrew Peadar have been appointed to the board of A. BROWN & SONS. They are directors and major shareholders of Panther Securities.

Mr Ian McNeil is to join YELLOW ADVERTISER PUBLICATIONS early in 1986 as advertising director, from Northcliffe Newspapers where he was group special projects manager.

FERRANTI DEFENCE SYSTEMS has made four management changes. Former commercial manager for the Scottish group, Mr James Watson has been appointed commercial director and Mr Richard Starling has been appointed technical director. Mr Ronald Dunn replaces Mr Stuart as managing director of the electro-optics department and Mr Christopher Gracie succeeds Mr Dunn as manager of the display systems department.

Mr K. P. A. Lewis, relinquishing his position as managing director of Haymills (Contractors) becomes deputy managing director and group managing director of HAYMILLS HOLDINGS from November 1. Mr J. Woodhouse becomes managing director from assistant managing director.

Mr John Negus of Costain Blankenship (UK) Dredging Company (Cobla) has been elected chairman of the FEDERATION OF BRITISH DREDGING CONTRACTORS. Mr Negus, who will continue to carry out his duties as Cobla's area manager for the UK, Iberia and Scandinavia, will hold his new appointment for one year.

Mr John Quistad, chairman of Barclays Bank UK, has been elected chairman of the advisory council of the LONDON ENTERPRISE AGENCY. He succeeds Mr John Balesman, recent retired chairman of Shell UK. Other new members of the council are Mr Ray Chapman, senior partner of Arthur Andersen & Mr Gil Black, director of Lex Service, and Mr Sam Whitbread, chairman of Whitbread and Co. The London Enterprise Agency was set up in 1978 to further job

creation through the creation and growth of small business, and to encourage inner city regeneration.

Mr Jim Foster, a director of IBM United Kingdom, has been elected president of the BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TRADE ASSOCIATION.

PRIME COMPUTER, INC. has appointed Mr Sven-Age Gornell as managing director. Prime Computer (UK) was managing director of the Prime Scandinavia subsidiary. He replaces Mr Malcolm Fadina, to whom he now reports, who has been named vice president, Europe, Middle East and Africa marketing operations. Mr Geoff Cluett, currently managing director of Prime Singapore distributor operations, has been named managing director, Prime Scandinavia.

BRYANT, STOCK AND CO., a subsidiary of Deutsch-Bryant Group, has appointed Mr Stuart Japp as deputy managing director.

Mr Keith Neilson has been appointed as group purchasing manager for Lucas Electrical and chairman of the Lucas Industries purchasing committee.

Sir Rupert W. J. Clarke has resigned as a non-executive director of C.A.D. BRYCE SCHWEPPE, Mr Tom Hutchison, an executive director of ICI, will join the board of Cadbury Schweppes as a non-executive director on January 1 1986.

Sir Arthur Norman, chairman of The De La Rue Company, has been appointed a non-executive director of the company. Mr Norman Lonsdale from November 1. On that date Mr Denis Oppé will retire from the board.

Mr Sandy Collin, managing director of TEUGAR BARDEX, takes over as chairman on November 1. Mr Gilbert Hunt is stepping down from the post, but remains non-executive deputy chairman. Mr Collin will continue as managing director.

Mr Jim Dimmock is to be appointed a partner in the Liverpool office of PANNELL KERR FORSTER on November 1.

Mr John Ford has been appointed to UK operations director of WILLIAMS HOLDINGS, from November 1, responsible for group companies in the UK. The position arises as a result of Mr Bill Miller's resignation as operations director, having decided for personal reasons, to reduce his business commitments. Mr Ford has been managing director of British Alcan Aluminium following its merger with the British Aluminium Company where he had been managing director.

NASHUA has appointed Mr Alan Fletcher as its financial director. He was chief financial

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Abney Unit Trust (5)	Equity	10.5	10.5	1.00	1.00	5.0	12.0
Abney Unit Trust (6)	Equity	10.5	10.5	1.00	1.00	5.0	12.0
Abney Unit Trust (7)	Equity	10.5	10.5	1.00	1.00	5.0	12.0
Abney Unit Trust (8)	Equity	10.5	10.5	1.00	1.00	5.0	12.0
Abney Unit Trust (9)	Equity	10.5	10.5	1.00	1.00	5.0	12.0
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## COMMODITIES AND AGRICULTURE

## EEC calls for total ban on livestock hormones

By two Dawsey in Brussels

THE EUROPEAN Commission has proposed a total ban on the use of hormones for fattening livestock—a move that could provoke further trade tensions with the U.S. over its \$100m annual beef sales to the Community.

Intensive discussions have been taking place in the Commission over recent weeks following an overwhelming vote in the European Parliament in support of a total ban on health grounds.

The Commission had originally proposed to outlaw only artificial hormones, but several member states, most notably West Germany, argued vigorously for a tougher stance. The UK, on the other hand, has protested that no scientific evidence exists to suggest that Trembolone and Zearanol—the two most common artificial hormones—are harmful.

London also fears that a ban on hormones, widely used in British farming, would be both unworkable and would provoke a fierce reaction from third country beef traders.

Certainly, the U.S. reaction to an outright ban is likely to be extremely hostile. U.S. Agriculture Department officials believe that in the absence of concrete scientific evidence indicating a health hazard, any move would constitute a clear restraint of trade under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Washington is already resisting the threatened imposition of new slaughtering regulations on its abattoirs, which the EEC is expected to announce in January. And any new moves that hit U.S. farm exports to the EEC will further damage already strained relations over agricultural matters.

Intensive negotiations are currently underway between Commission and U.S. officials over access to the Community for American citrus. The U.S. Trade Representative's office has given Brussels until tomorrow to reduce its tariffs on American citrus or face retaliatory duties of between 25 and 40 per cent on European citrus exports.

These currently run at up to 20 per cent on U.S. winter oranges and Washington claims that more favourable terms for citrus exports would be a major factor in the U.S. decision to reduce its tariffs on American citrus.

Ugandan rebels claim control of coffee

UGANDA'S main rebel group, the National Resistance Army (NRA), has claimed it controls 60 per cent of the country's coffee output, reports Reuters from Nairobi.

The NRA leader, Mr. Yoweri Museveni, in Nairobi for peace talks with the Government, denied reports that his group had been smuggling coffee into neighbouring Rwanda but said it was holding substantial stocks which it planned to sell once it had given careful consideration to pricing.

"We can sell it later on because we have the authority," Mr. Museveni said. "We shall sell it openly, officially," he added.

## Tin crisis communique

The International Tin Council last night issued the following communique:

1—The Council confirmed the decision taken by the Executive Chairman on October 24, 1985, to suspend all buffer stock operations.

2—The Council requested the Executive Chairman to maintain close contacts with member and broker representatives over the interim period.

3—The Council decided to suspend its present session and to resume its work on November 12, 1985, in order to consider all possible options unless circumstances required the reconvening of the session at an earlier date.

The following statement was issued by the International Tin Council at yesterday's meeting:

"At close of business today, October 30, the London Metal Exchange Tin Market has been closed for one week. This closure was requested by your buffer stock manager as he was unable to meet his commitments to the members of the London Metal Exchange. In short the LME tin market is in default to members of the Exchange.

"You will realise that this has implications for the future survival of the London Metal Exchange, not only for the tin market, but also the other six metals traded.

"The danger of keeping the LME tin market closed for any further period will be to create a secondary market where the price levels established will govern the value in the market place of the commodity tin.

"This value will be a marker for valuation of differences and stock and may encourage liquidation by holders of stock beyond the control of the Exchange at price levels unrealistic even in current circumstances.

"LME members who hold positions on the London Metal Exchange are/will be pressing for a re-opening of the tin trading in order to establish values of difference to maintain some order of trade in all LME metals and primarily to prevent extreme concern in other commodities apart from tin.

"It goes without saying that orderly control of tin trading can only be conducted through the LME.

"It is the obligation of the LME and its members that all potential differences will be paid on maturity and we seek today this unqualified assurance not only for the survival of the LME but for the foreseeable future."

THE IVORY COAST, Africa's leading palm-oil exporter, has secured financing for a \$185m development project due to start in 1986.

The five-year scheme is being supported by the EEC, the World Bank, the Commonwealth Development Corporation and France's Caisse Centrale de Co-operation Economique (CCCE).

Nearly two-thirds will be locally financed, however, mainly by the state-owned Palmindustrialie which manages the country's industrial plantations.

The project involves the planting of 65,000 hectares of oil palms and expansion of processing capacity. Apeing oil plantations will be rejuvenated and productivity increased, Palmindustrialie said.

With local consumption expected to increase as economic recovery strengthens, the Ivory Coast would otherwise become a net importer by 1990.

Emphasis will be put on smallholders with 29,000 hectares to be replanted, 4,900 hectares of new plantations. Four new industrial plantations covering 11,000 hectares will be developed in the south-west and another 15,000 hectares replanted.

A pilot scheme involving the planting of some 2,000 hectares of medium-sized, 50 to 150 hectare, plantations is also planned.

Two new 40 tonnes an hour palm oil mills are planned, bringing the total owned by Palmindustrialie to 14. Annual palm oil production capacity is set to rise to 266,000 tonnes by the end of the century from 150,000 tonnes now.

The Ivorian Government has been trying to revive the palm oil industry which had been seriously affected by management and financial difficulties which led to a five year break in planting between 1978-83.

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## LONDON MARKETS

ZINC PRICES continued weak on the London Metal Exchange yesterday with the cash high grade position ending \$2.50 down at \$40.25 a tonne, the lowest closing level for more than three years.

Yesterday's fall took the decline on the week so far to \$22.50 a tonne. The fall took place in the morning, when the market was influenced by sterling's strength. The afternoon tone was steadier as sterling edged a little lower.

Traders said the fall was basically due to the continuing bear trend which is based on continuing oversupply of the metal, despite the announcement of substantial output cuts by producers, and bearish chart patterns.

Prices also fell early on but recovered strongly after meeting buying interest at the lower levels, encouraged by news of a small upward adjustment in list price by Asarco of the U.S. Cash lead ended \$6 up on the day at \$27.50 a tonne.

LME prices supplied by Amalgamated Metal Trading.

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Official closing (am): Cash 50.5 (50.5), three months 50.5 (50.5), settlement 50.5 (50.5). Final bar close: 50.5-50.5. Turnover: 14,220 tonnes.

Indonesia will continue to increase its exports and export palm oil despite low world prices, the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Achmad Afandi, said in Jakarta yesterday, reports Reuters.

National palm oil output is expected to rise to 1.2m tonnes this year from 900,000 tonnes last year, and to 2.1m tonnes in 1988. By 1990 it should be over 4m tonnes, the Minister said.

Most of this year's output will be exported, he added, unlike in the past when Indonesia restricted palm oil exports because coconut oil production was falling. Coconut oil output is now rising to meet domestic vegetable oil demand.

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## LONDON SHARE SERVICE

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<b>OVER-THE-COUNTER</b>		Nasdaq national market closing prices	<b>NYSE AMEX COMMODITY</b>			<b>RISKS AHEAD FALLS</b>			<b>STRAITS TIMES (1996)</b>			785.97	789.98	772.76	786.02	852.80 (7.5)	717.93 (+)	
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## North American quarterly results

Op. net per share .....	2.71	2.61	†Loss reflects \$276m restructuring charge	Net profits .....	\$3m	\$7.1m
				Net per share .....	2.05	1.68



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## AMEX COMPOSITE CLOSING PRICES

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# FINANCIAL TIMES

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

### WALL STREET

## Lower rate hopes push to record

EXPECTATIONS of lower U.S. interest rates as the Fed and major central banks attempt to bring the dollar lower kept Wall Street on the boil yesterday, writes Terry Byland in New York.

Some analysts hoped for a cut in the Federal Reserve discount rate, although Mr. Preston Martin, board vice-chairman, would not comment. The stock market burst through to new peaks in the first half hour and soon renewed its advance after resisting the profit-takers. The bond market moved strongly into the day's auction of \$4.75bn in seven-year Treasury notes.

At the close, the Dow Jones industrial average showed a net gain of 6.84 points at 1,375.57, comfortably above the previous peak of 1,369.29 reached on October 17. Turnover expanded to 121.7m shares.

The strong demand at Tuesday's auction of Treasury securities gave the credit markets a strong start. Mr. Paul Volcker's references to "relatively accommodative" Fed policies, mirrored in the sharp fall in the U.S. dollar, suggested to Wall Street that interest rate policy might be used to lower the dollar.

Bond prices went into the auction of seven-year Treasury notes with gains in

around a full point. Another round of matched sales from the Treasury, when Federal funds dipped to 7½ per cent, was regarded as a technical draining of funds.

There was some apprehension ahead of the pricing of \$1.25bn in six-year notes by the Federal Farm Credit Banks, although pre-sale indications of a 90 basis point premium on the six-month Treasury bill were in line with expectations.

In the stock market, issues sensitive to interest rates responded firmly to the trend of the credit sector. In utilities, Consolidated Edison, the New York electrical power producer, added ¾ to 33¾, and Public Service Electric & Gas was unchanged at 22¾.

Stocks in the banks, which will benefit from any fresh dip in rates in the money markets, where they fund their loans, turned higher. At 56¾, Chase Manhattan gained ¾, Bankers Trust gained ¾ to 56¾, and J.P. Morgan added ¾ to 55¼.

The slide in the dollar continued to boost pharmaceutical issues. Merck, a Dow average constituent, jumped 2 to 115½, close to its 52-week high, while Pfizer at 54½, gained ¾. Upjohn at 112½ gained ¾, and Smithkline Beckman was 11½ up at 56¾.

But the industrials were less sure of themselves, with not even a higher payout from Exxon - the stock ¼ easier at 54¼ - lending confidence. Blue chips were consolidating after the frenzied activity of the previous session, and there was some caution ahead of the important economic data due today and tomorrow.

Defence issues stayed on the sidelines as Congress wrangled over the budget

deficit. Boeing remained firm, adding ¾ to 54½, and at 55½, General Dynamics ended unchanged.

IBM, ¾ higher at 57½, set the trend for industrials. Honeywell stood out in firm technology issues with a ¾ gain at 56¾. Bethlehem Steel plunged 1½ to 13¼ on higher losses and a missed dividend.

But U.S. Steel's \$3.5bn purchase of Texas Oil & Gas found a cool reception, with heavy trading in both stocks leaving U.S. Steel down ¾ at 22¾ and Texas Oil down 1¼ at 18¾.

The Dow transportation average soared as airline and railroad issues advanced. United gained 1½ to 54¾, and Norfolk Southern railroad ¾ to 57¼.

The new offer from Kohlberg Kravis of \$47 a share for Beatrice left the food group ¾ off at 54¾, with heavy selling from doubtful speculators. Chase-brown-Pond's, another speculative favourite, tumbled 2¼ to 54¾ after rejecting rumours of takeover talks. Also surging ahead was RCA stock, which added ¾ to 54¾ in heavy turnover as Wall Street looked for a bid move.

Rising markets were good for brokerage stocks. Merrill Lynch jumped 1¼ to 129¾, helped by press comment, while Phillips-Salomon added 1 to 122½ at 54¾. E. F. Hutton gained ¾ to 122½, continuing worries over the bank's drafts upon.

In the credit market, short-term rates as the Fed again showed a hint of wanting Federal funds below 7½ per cent. But the bond market held its ground, with ease, indicating confidence in foreign demand at today's Treasury auction of 20-year Treasury

### EUROPE

## Foreigners aid climb to peaks

FOREIGN buyers increased their activity in Europe yesterday to send bourses higher, some to records. The optimism was assisted by sharp rises in London, New York and Tokyo.

Frankfurt rallied to a new peak as foreigners sought blue chips. The market proceeded to snap out of its recent phase of consolidation and shrugged off local interest rate worries.

Reports on Tuesday that foreign orders for the machinery building industry were up by 14 per cent lent strength to the upswing, and the Commerzbank index registered a gain of 40.4 to 1,753.2, its 12th peak this month.

Daimler-Benz, which has risen DM 30.50 already this week, added DM 41 to take it to a record DM 1,145.

In banks, Deutsche hit a record DM 718.80, up DM 33.80. Dresdner gained DM 0.50 to DM 348.50 and Commerzbank took on DM 14.20 to DM 271.50. Insurer Allianz ended DM 32 ahead at DM 1,798.

Machinery makers, responding to the increased orders, moved sharply higher with KHD up DM 24 to DM 337 and GHH DM 4 ahead at DM 217.

In a lively bond market, prices ended 50 pf firm in reaction to recent sharp declines and the Bundesbank sold a sizeable DM 107.5m worth of paper compared with a sale of DM 84.5m the previous session.

Amsterdam also hit a peak yesterday with the ANP-CBS general index rising 1.4 to 225.6.

Unlever again led the advance, adding F1 6.30 to F1 351 on rumours that it plans a takeover in the U.S. Food group Wessanen continued to climb, finishing at F1 215 after a rise of F1 6.

Phillips, which on Tuesday announced a joint venture with Du Pont of the U.S., closed slightly firmer at F1 49.10, up 10 cents. Publisher Elsevier gained F1 2.50 to F1 143 on a higher earnings forecast

and VNU also firmed, rising F1 3.50 to F1 240.

Bonds were higher with trading confined largely to professional investors. Many issues in Zurich reached 1985 record levels. All sectors were stronger with some of the steepest gains seen among the industrials and financials.

Schindler, which announced on Tuesday that it had bought into a Japanese lift maker, rose SwFr 70 to SwFr 890. Chemical company, Sandoz, added SwFr 450 to SwFr 2,300 on news that a drug it manufactures has proven effective in the treatment of AIDS.

Industrials and holding companies were sought in a higher Brussels and utilities showed moderate gains.

Paris rose for the sixth consecutive day on the back of increased foreign buying.

Food issues were the strongest performers with Carrefour up Ffr 67 to Ffr 2,380.

Stockholm tended to end mixed as investors stayed out of the market while Milan firmed on steady demand and Madrid drifted lower.

### AUSTRALIA

THE SLIDE continued in Sydney although some late buying support kept prices off their worst levels and the All Ordinaries index lost 3.7 to 1,028.9.

BHP again led the downward trend. It shed 10 cents to A\$8.46, bringing its total fall this week to 63 cents.

The continuing crisis in the tin market left Renshaw Goldfields, the country's main tin producer, 10 cents down at A\$5.40. But Aberfoyle recovered from a series of sharp falls to close 10 cents up at A\$9.80.

Mining closed mixed with CSR down 2 cents to A\$3.50, MIM down 5 cents at A\$2.57 and Westpac up 3 cents to A\$4.98.

### CANADA

DESPITE losing early gains Toronto traded actively higher.

Banks continued firmer with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce trading C\$4 up at C\$39. Royal Bank and National Bank of Canada both added C\$4 to trade at C\$39 and C\$20½ respectively.

In Montreal industrials were mostly unchanged while banks and utilities were marginally firmer.

### LONDON

STRONG demand continued to push equities up in London yesterday and the FT Ordinary share index closed 8½ higher at a record of 1,061.3.

Some profit-taking was seen early in the day but interest revived in the absence of any price reaction.

Among actives Reed International slipped 2p to 887p on lower than expected pre-tax profits.

Stores and electrical concerns performed well. Boots was 7p at 224p. Woolworth added 13p to 563p and Sainsbury went up 4p to 45p in active trading.

Other actives included Delta Group, up 10p to 172p. Henderson Group, which rose 25p to 240p, Hillards, which added 34p to 221p, Jaguar, 6p firmer at 310p, and William Morrison, 14p higher at 162p.

In the glid-edged market selected longer maturities settled a full point higher while shorts were up to ¼ higher.

Chief price changes, Page 35; Details, Page 34; Share information service, Page 32-33.

### SINGAPORE

SELLING persisted in Singapore in quiet trading and prices drifted down in all sectors.

Traders blamed the downturn partly on heavy oversubscription for Malaysian Airline System shares which had sapped liquidity from the market.

Among the most active shares were Promet which was 6 cents down at S\$1.10 and Arab Malaysian Development, 1 cent lower at 95 cents. Raleigh, which has seen strong demand in recent weeks, fell 12 cents to S\$3.42.

Banks were mostly lower with OCBC down 5 cents at S\$8.35.

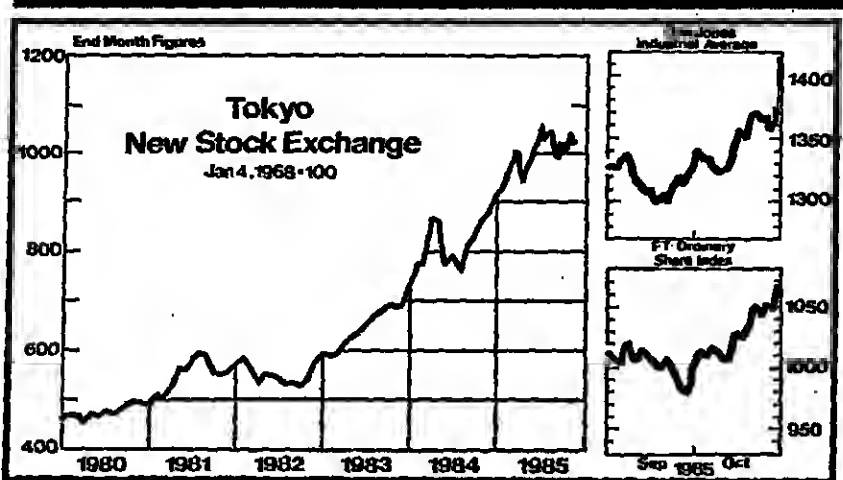
### SOUTH AFRICA

CAUTIOUS trading ahead of the outcome of by-elections dominated Johannesburg although gold shares firmed on the steady bullion price.

Among golds Driefontein was up 75 cents at R50.25, Gold Fields SA added 50 cents to R35.50 but Buffels shed R1 to R76.50.

Other mining and mining financials were generally firmer.

### KEY MARKET MONITORS



STOCK MARKET INDICES	Oct 30	Previous	Year ago
Dow Jones	1,375.57	1,369.29	1,217.31
Nikkei	2,908.66	2,913.92	1,171.50
London	1,061.3	1,061.3	1,061.3
Paris	1,061.3	1,061.3	1,061.3
Frankfurt	1,753.2	1,753.2	1,753.2
Amsterdam	225.6	225.6	225.6
Stockholm	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Osaka	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Seoul	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Taipei	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Manila	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Bombay	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Calcutta	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Colombo	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Delhi	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Hyderabad	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Kolkata	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Madras	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Mumbai	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Pune	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Rangoon	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Singapore	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Tokyo	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Yokohama	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9

TOKYO	Oct 30	Previous	Year ago
Nikkei	2,908.66	2,913.92	1,171.50
Tokyo SE	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Australia	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
AI Ord.	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Metals & Mins.	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Austria	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Credit Aktien	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Belgium	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Belgian SE	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Canada	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Toronto	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Metals & Mins	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Composite	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Westpac	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Portfolio	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Denmark	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
SE	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
France	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
CAC Gen	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Ind. Tendance	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
West Germany	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
FAZ-Aktien	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Commerzbank	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Hong Kong	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Hang Seng	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Italy	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Banca Com.	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Netherlands	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
ANP-CBS Gen	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
ANP-CBS Ind	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Norway	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Oslo SE	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Singapore	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Straits Times	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
South Africa	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
JSE Golds	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
JSE Industrials	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Spain	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Madrid SE	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Sweden	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
J & P	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Switzerland	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Swiss Bank Ind	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
World	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Capital Int'l	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9

COMMODITIES	Oct 30	Previous	Year ago
London	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Silver (spot fixing)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Copper (cash)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Copper (Nov)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Oil (spot Arabian Light)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
GOLD (per ounce)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
London	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Zurich	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Paris (fixing)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Luxembourg	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
New York (Dec)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9

GOLD (per ounce)	Oct 30	Previous	Year ago
London	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Zurich	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Paris (fixing)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
Luxembourg	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
New York (Dec)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9

FINANCIAL FUTURES	Oct 30	Previous	Year ago
Chicago	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (1yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (1yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (1yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9

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Chicago	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (1yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (1yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (1yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9

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Chicago	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (10yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
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U.S. Treasury Bills (30yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bills (5yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Bonds (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9
U.S. Treasury Notes (2yr)	1,028.9	1,028.9	1,028.9